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Form 4

October 09, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Pontius, Stanley N.
8 Churchill Street
Hamilton, OH 45013
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
308-48-1245
4. Statement for Month/Year
10/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owne End Mont
			Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock						57949
Common Stock						7731
Common Stock						13739.4
Common Stock						0
Common Stock						55571
Common Stock						345
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/07/2002	P	140	A	\$18.2500	2102

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Title of Derivative	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Amount or Number of	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities +-----+-----+ Number of

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Security	Security	Day/Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	isable	tion Date	Title	Shares	S
1996 (ISO)	\$11.2987							01/24/2006	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
1997 (ISO)	\$11.1342							01/28/2007	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
1997 (NQ)	\$11.1342							01/28/2007	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
1998 (ISO)	\$19.087							01/27/2008	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
1998 (NQ)	\$19.087							01/27/2008	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
1999 (ISO)	\$22.565							01/25/2009	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
1999 (NQ)	\$22.565							01/25/2009	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
2000 (ISO)	\$17.56							01/24/2010	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
2000 (NQ)	\$17.56							01/24/2010	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
2001 (ISO)	\$16.0124							01/23/2011	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
2001 (NQ)	\$16.0124							01/23/2011	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
2002 (ISO)	\$17.2							01/17/2012	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		
2002 (NQ)	\$17.2							01/17/2012	Common		
Stock Option									Stock		

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE

10/07/2002