

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
POSEY STEVEN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
60B S. AMERICAN WAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/26/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

MONROE, OH 45050
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned or Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	131	D	
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)				(A) or (D)	3,892	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	6,668	I	IRA
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	3,180	I	Trust
				(A) or (D)	38,077	I	

Common
Stock

Trust(TEAZAK
LTD)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
1997 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 13.148					04/22/1998 04/22/2007	Common Stock	6,195
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 20.671					04/22/2000 04/22/2009	Common Stock	8,663
2002 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 18.84					04/23/2003 04/23/2012	Common Stock	8,663
2005 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.08	04/26/2005		A	8,663	04/26/2006 04/26/2015	Common Stock	8,663

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X			

POSEY STEVEN C
60B S. AMERICAN WAY
MONROE, OH 45050

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel

05/02/2005

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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