

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
 Form 4  
 April 21, 2006

**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
 SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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(Last) (First) (Middle)

501 ST. ANDREWS DRIVE

(Street)

SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/21/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
 Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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 Person

**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 or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following 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					4,922	D	
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	04/21/2006		P	153 A \$ 16.18	431	D	

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