FIRST BANCORP /NC/ Form SC 13G/A February 17, 2015

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 2)*

First Bancorp

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

318910106

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2014

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

" Rule 13d-1(b)

x Rule 13d-1(c)

" Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

^{*} The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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Name of reporting person

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

- 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group*
 - (a) " (b) x
- SEC use only 3
- Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

5 Sole voting power

Number of

0 shares

Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by

1,124,460

each

7 Sole dispositive power

reporting

0

person

8 Shared dispositive power

with

1,124,460

1,124,460

- 10 Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares "
- 11 Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)

5.71%

12 Type of reporting person*

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1 Name of reporting person

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Basswood Enhanced Long Short Fund, LP

- 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group*
 - (a) " (b) x
- 3 SEC use only
- 4 Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

5 Sole voting power

Number of

shares 0

6 Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by

738,643

each

7 Sole dispositive power

reporting

0

person

8 Shared dispositive power

with

738,643

738,643

- 10 Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares "
- 11 Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)

3.75%

12 Type of reporting person*

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1 Name of reporting person

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC

- 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group*
 - (a) " (b) x
- 3 SEC use only
- 4 Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

5 Sole voting power

Number of

shares 0

6 Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by

738,643

each

7 Sole dispositive power

reporting

0

person 8 Shared

8 Shared dispositive power

with

738,643

738,643
10 Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares "
11 Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)

3.75%
12 Type of reporting person*

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1 Name of reporting person

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Matthew Lindenbaum

- 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group*
 - (a) " (b) x
- SEC use only 3
- Citizenship or place of organization

United States

5 Sole voting power

Number of

0 shares

Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by

1,124,460

each

7 Sole dispositive power

reporting

0

person

8 Shared dispositive power

with

1,124,460

1,124,460

- 10 Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares "
- 11 Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)

5.71%

12 Type of reporting person*

IN/HC

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1 Name of reporting person

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Bennett Lindenbaum

- 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group*
 - (a) " (b) x
- 3 SEC use only
- 4 Citizenship or place of organization

United States

5 Sole voting power

Number of

shares 0

6 Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by

1,124,460

each

7 Sole dispositive power

reporting

0

person

8 Shared dispositive power

with

1,124,460

1,124,460
10 Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares "
11 Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)

IN/HC

12

5.71%

Type of reporting person*

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

First Bancorp

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices:

341 North Main St

Troy, NC 27371

Southern Pines, NC 28387

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

See Cover Pages, Item 1.

Item 2(b) Address or Principal Business Office:

c/o Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.

645 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10022

Item 2(c) <u>Citizenship</u>:

See Cover Pages, Item 4.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, no par value

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

318910106

Item 3 Not Applicable

Item 4 Ownership:

The information required by Items 4(a)-(c) is set forth in Rows 5-11 of the cover page hereto for each Reporting Person and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC and Basswood Enhanced Long Short Fund, LP have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities.

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable

Item 7 <u>Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:</u>

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below the signatory certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 13, 2015

BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Matthew Lindenbaum Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

BASSWOOD ENHANCED LONG SHORT FUND, LP

By: Basswood Enhanced Long Short GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Matthew Lindenbaum Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

BASSWOOD ENHANCED LONG SHORT GP, LLC

By: /s/ Matthew Lindenbaum Name: Matthew Lindenbaum Title: Managing Member

/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum
Matthew Lindenbaum, an individual

/s/ Bennett Lindenbaum
Bennett Lindenbaum, an individual