

FIRST AMERICAN CORP  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]**

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

**1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY**  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2004**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President-Mortgage Info Segmnt

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

**SANTA ANA, CA 92707**

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	7,141	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	3,188.642	I	By 401(k) Plan Trust (1)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	610.079	I	By ESOP Trust (2)

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 Acquired (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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Director Stock (right to buy)	\$ 23.583	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/23/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/23/2008	Common Stock	22,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/24/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/24/2010	Common Stock	8,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/14/2001 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/14/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.08	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/13/2002 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/13/2011	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	07/23/2003 <sup>(7)</sup>	07/23/2012	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.85	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/27/2004 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/27/2013	Common Stock	50,000

