

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS

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)
300 HIGH STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/21/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP & COO

HAMILTON, OH 45011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/21/2008		<u>J</u> ⁽¹⁾		1,000	A	\$ 0 22,576
Common Stock							11,949.16
Common Stock	01/21/2008		<u>J</u> ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$ 0 16,650

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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)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
1998 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 19.087					01/27/1999	01/27/2008	Common Stock	1,271	
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	4,201	
1999 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	06/12/2010	Common Stock	1,574	
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	5,694	
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.56					01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	6,433	
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/23/2002	01/23/2011	Common Stock	6,244	
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/23/2002	01/23/2011	Common Stock	4,256	
	\$ 17.2					01/17/2003	01/17/2012		5,813	

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2002 (ISO) Stock Option					Common Stock	
2002 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.2		01/17/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock	4,187
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58		01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	6,031
2003 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.58		01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	3,969
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09		01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51		04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.51		04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	19,289
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02		04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02		04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	19,258
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9		04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9		04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	21,489

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011			EVP & COO	

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel 01/22/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award

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