

WARD DAVID L JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WARD DAVID L JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
PO BOX 867

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2005

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

(Street)

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

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

NEW BERN, NC 28563

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |                                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount or Price |   |  |                                   |                                     |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/12/2005                           |  | G                              | V   | 976             | D \$ 0  | 2,524  | D                                 |                                     |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/12/2005                           |  | G                              | V   | 122             | A \$ 0  | 3,572  | I                                 | As Trustee for E.R. Torstrick Trust |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/12/2005                           |  | G                              | V   | 122             | A \$ 0  | 3,572  | I                                 | As Trustee for M.W. Torstrick Trust |

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|                            |            |  |   |   |     |   |      |                      |   |                                       |
|----------------------------|------------|--|---|---|-----|---|------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 12/12/2005 |  | G | V | 122 | A | \$ 0 | 3,572                | I | As Trustee<br>for D. K.<br>Ward Trust |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |  |   |   |     |   |      | 3,500 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | By Spouse                             |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |  |   |   |     |   |      | 7,513                | D |                                       |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock |            |  |   |   |     |   |      | 875 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I | By Spouse                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Code   | V (A) (D)   |   |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WARD DAVID L JR<br>PO BOX 867<br>NEW BERN, NC 28563 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

David L. Ward,  
Jr.

12/12/2005

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the  
(1) reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

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