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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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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)  
04/24/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CCO

HAMILTON, OH 45011  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					20,269	D	
Common Stock					1,420.74	I	401-K
Common Stock	04/24/2006		A	2,700 A \$ 0	9,397	I	Restricted

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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000 01/25/2009	Common Stock	4,043
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	8,481
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/22/2002 01/22/2011	Common Stock	6,244
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/22/2002 01/22/2011	Common Stock	1,631
2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2					01/12/2003 01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58					01/22/2004 01/22/2013	Common Stock	5,000
2004 (ISO)	\$ 17.09					01/21/2005 01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500

Stock Option									
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51					04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.51					04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	4,889
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2006	A	6,242		04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2006	A	9,858		04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	9,858

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
harvey david s 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011			EVP & CCO	

## Signatures

terri j ziepfel                      04/25/2006  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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