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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)  
 255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/14/2012

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

(Street)  
 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 (D) Price                                                |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 11/14/2012                           |                                                    | P                              | 300 A \$ 14.4733                                                  | 6,865                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 8,291                                                                                         | I                                                        | Held in Joint Brokerage Account                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 1,400                                                                                         | I                                                        | IRA                                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 0                                                                                             | I                                                        | Jean Olszewski                                        |

|                                          |  |  |  |       |   |                                |
|------------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------|---|--------------------------------|
|                                          |  |  |  |       |   | By Richard<br>Olszewski<br>Poa |
| Common<br>Stock                          |  |  |  | 4,922 | I | Joint<br>w/Spouse              |
| Common<br>Stock                          |  |  |  | 1,270 | I | Restricted                     |
| FFBC<br>(Directors<br>Fee Stock<br>Plan) |  |  |  | 7,797 | D |                                |

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 Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                  | Title                              | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| 2005<br>(NQ)<br>Sock<br>Option                      | \$ 18.63                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 06/28/2006                                                     | 06/28/2015                                                          | Common<br>Stock                    | 8,663                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| olszewski richard e<br>255 EAST FIFTH STREET<br>SUITE 2900 | X             |           |         |       |

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

## Signatures

/s/Terri J  
Ziepfel, POA

11/15/2012

\_\_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).

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