

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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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 *
 PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L

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)

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

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

4000 SMITH RD., SUITE 400

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

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45209

(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)	Price		
Common Stock					577	D	
Common Stock (David & Susan Knust Living Trust)					2,000	D	
Common Stock (David					3,000	D	

Knust FFB Trust)									
Common Stock (Susan Knust FFB Trust)						3,000	D		
Common Stock (Susan Purkrabek Knust Agency Trust)						525	D		
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	07/09/2008		P	300	A	\$ 9.1353	2,249	D	
Common Stock	07/09/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	44.3095	A	\$ 0	1,507.447	I	K.P. Properties
Common Stock							4,455	I	Restricted Stock Award

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)	8. Priority of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

2005
 (NQ) \$ 17.08 04/26/2006 04/26/2016 Common Stock 8,663
 Sock
 Option

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L 4000 SMITH RD. SUITE 400 CINCINNATI, OH 45209		X		

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel 07/10/2008
 **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) Update of shares held in Dividend Reinvestment Account

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