

Crawley Scott T
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Crawley Scott T

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2017

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Controller & Prin Actg Officer

255 EAST 5TH STREET, SUITE 700

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	or	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	223.078 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401k
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	1,445 ⁽²⁾	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	2,923	I	Restricted Stock (unvested)

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is F (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable (A) (D)	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Crawley Scott T 255 EAST 5TH STREET, SUITE 700 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	^	^	^ Controller & Prin Actg Officer	^

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. Meents, POA 02/13/2018

**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).
- (1) Since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report, he transferred 227,9679 shares of FFBC common stock from his 401K account to his ex-wife pursuant to a QDRO. Also reflects updated shares per statement 12/31/2017.
- (2) Since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report, he transferred 830 shares of FFBC common stock to his ex-wife pursuant to a QDRO.

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