### FIRST AMERICAN CORP

Form 5

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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may continue.

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GILMORE DENNIS J	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check all applicable)			
	(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
5601 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE		Executive Vice President			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting			
		(check applicable line)			
ANAHEIM, CA 92807		_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	uritie	s Acqui	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D	)	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)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	8,518.668	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,323.016	I	By 401(k) Plan Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	142.618	I	By ESOP Trust (3)

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)	Secu Acqu (A) o	vative arities uired or oosed O) rr. 3,	(Month/Day/Year) ative ties red sed 3,		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.694	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/24/1997(4)	04/24/2006	Common Stock	3,56
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.583	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/23/1999(5)	04/23/2008	Common Stock	22,50
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/24/2001 <u>(6)</u>	02/24/2010	Common Stock	20,00
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/14/2001(7)	12/14/2010	Common Stock	20,00
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.08	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/13/2002(8)	12/13/2011	Common Stock	20,00
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	07/23/2003(9)	07/23/2012	Common Stock	10,00

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.85	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/27/2004(10)	02/27/2013	Common Stock	50,00
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.56	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/26/2005(11)	02/26/2014	Common Stock	50,00

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting 6 whol Prume / Prumess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GILMORE DENNIS J 5601 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE ANAHEIM, CA 92807	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â			

## **Signatures**

By: Kathleen M. Collins attorney in 62/09/2005

\*\*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).
- Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent account statement in transactions exempt under rules 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B) and 16b-3(c).
- (3) Amount shown consists of shares allocated to my account in previous years and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid on such previously allocated shares, as reported in most recent account statement.
- (4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/24/97, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (5) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/24/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (7) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/14/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (8) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/13/02, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (9) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 7/23/03, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (10) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/27/04, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (11) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/26/05, the first anniversary of the grant.

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