

FIRST AMERICAN CORP
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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 *
SANDO BARRY M
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
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1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 7,141 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 3,188.642 | I | By 401(k) Plan Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 610.079 | I | By ESOP Trust (2) |

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) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Director Stock (right to buy) | \$ 23.583 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 04/23/1999 ⁽³⁾ | 04/23/2008 | Common Stock | 22,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.75 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/24/2001 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/24/2010 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 12/14/2001 ⁽⁵⁾ | 12/14/2010 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.08 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 12/13/2002 ⁽⁶⁾ | 12/13/2011 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.5 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 07/23/2003 ⁽⁷⁾ | 07/23/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 22.85 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 02/27/2004 ⁽⁸⁾ | 02/27/2013 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Employee
 Stock
 Option
 (right to
 buy)

\$ 30.56 Â

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02/26/2005⁽⁹⁾ 02/26/2014

Common
 Stock

50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY
 SANTA ANA, CA 92707

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Signatures

By: Kathleen M. Collins,
 Attorney-in-fact for

02/09/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through
- (1) 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).
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
 - (4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/24/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
 - (5) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/14/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
 - (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/13/02, the first anniversary of the grant.
 - (7) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 7/23/03, the first anniversary of the grant.
 - (8) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/27/04, the first anniversary of the grant.
 - (9) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/26/05, the first anniversary of the grant.

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