

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
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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 \*  
 MELVIN GARY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 RR 1, BOX 226  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/31/2008

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

SULLIVAN, IL 61951

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/31/2008		M		1,687.5 A \$ 10.37		D
Common Stock	07/31/2008		M		1,687.5 A \$ 10.22		D
Common Stock	07/31/2008		M		1,687.5 A \$ 8.37		D
Common Stock	07/31/2008		M		2,250 A \$ 10.67		D
Common Stock	07/31/2008		M		2,250 A \$ 12.11		D

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Common Stock 07/31/2008 M 3,375 A \$ 20.67 260,239.191 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 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.37	07/31/2008		M	1,687.5	12/15/1998 12/15/2008	Common Stock 1,687.5
Stock Option	\$ 10.22	07/31/2008		M	1,687.5	12/13/1999 12/13/2009	Common Stock 1,687.5
Stock Option	\$ 8.37	07/31/2008		M	1,687.5	12/18/2000 12/18/2010	Common Stock 1,687.5
Stock Option	\$ 10.67	07/31/2008		M	2,250	12/18/2001 12/18/2011	Common Stock 2,250
Stock Option	\$ 12.11	07/31/2008		M	2,250	12/16/2002 12/16/2012	Common Stock 2,250
Stock Option	\$ 20.67	07/31/2008		M	3,375	12/16/2003 12/16/2013	Common Stock 3,375

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MELVIN GARY W RR 1, BOX 226 SULLIVAN, IL 61951		X		

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed  
11/01/02.

08/04/2008

\_\_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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