

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
 Form 4  
 January 07, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Porter, Barry S.  
 385 Oliver Road  
 Cincinnati, OH 45215
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
 282-32-9070
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  
 01/06/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director                       10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)    Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security            | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Execution Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>Amount | 5. Amount or Price | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|---|--------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock                    |   |  |                     |   |                    |   | 11909  |
| Common Stock                    |   |  |                     |   |                    |   | 0  |
| FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan) | 01/06/2003                              |  | P                   | 145   | A \$17.0985        |   | 2247   |

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security   | 2. Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Execution Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>Number of Shares |
|------------------------|------------------------|---|--|---------------------|--|---|--|
| 1997 (NQ) Stock Option | \$13.148               |   |  |                     |  | 04/22/2007  | Common Stock   |

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2000 (NQ) \$16.9048  
Stock  
Option  
1994 (NQ) \$9.9531  
Stock  
Option

04/25/2010 Common  
Stock  
04/26/2004 Common  
Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE  
01/07/2003