

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 5

March 06, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Leep, Bruce E.  
 3106 Condit  
 Highland, IN 46322
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
 307-38-1303
4. Statement for Month/Year  
 12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/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. Trans-	2A.Execu-	3. Trans-	4. Securities Acquired (A)	5. Amo
	action	action	action	or Disposed of (D)	Securi
	Date	Date	Code		Benefi
	(Month/	(Month/			Owned
	Day/	Day/			Follow
	Year)	Year)		+-----+-----+-----+	Yea
				Amount       A/D Price	
Common Stock	10/07/2002	03/06/2003	J 4		