

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Lee Bruce K
 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA
 (Street)
 CINCINNATI, OH 45263
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]
 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2005
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/14/2005		M	3,043 A \$ 15.6426	15,260	I	by Trust (1)
Common Stock	12/14/2005		F	1,205 D \$ 39.47	14,055	I	by Trust (1)
Common Stock					1,861	I	by Trust (2)
Common Stock					472	I	by Spouse
Common Stock					200	I	by Son

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Common Stock	200	I	by Son
Common Stock	176.8668	I	by 401(k)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase	\$ 15.6426	12/14/2005		M	3,043	01/01/2001 01/01/2006	Common Stock	3,043

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lee Bruce K 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI, OH 45263			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce K. Lee
12/16/2005

__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).
- (1) A revocable Trust of which the reporting person is the grantor.

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- (2) A revocable Trust of which the reporting person's minor children are beneficiaries.
- (3) Issued pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp stock option plan. No consideration paid.
- (4) Includes total number of unexercised option grants previously reported.

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