

SKILLING DAVID VAN
Form 4
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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 *
SKILLING DAVID VAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

119 NETAS COURT

(Street)

PALM DESERT, CA 92260

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/10/2007

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)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 09/10/2007 | | P | V A | Amount 2,000 Price \$ 37.97 | 10,744 | D ⁽¹⁾ |

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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Nonemployee Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 29.54 | | | | | 04/23/1999 ⁽²⁾ 04/23/2008 | Common Stock 6,750 |
| Nonemployee Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.25 | | | | | 08/31/1999 ⁽³⁾ 06/23/2009 | Common Stock 6,750 |
| Nonemployee Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 47.49 | | | | | 12/08/2006 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/08/2015 | Common Stock 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SKILLING DAVID VAN 119 NETAS COURT PALM DESERT, CA 92260 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney In Fact for 09/10/2007

**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) Includes 1,055 shares (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 3/5/08, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (2) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.

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- (3) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 8/31/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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