

OBERG ROBERT C JR

Form 4/A

May 17, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OBERG ROBERT C JR

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP
/OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
610 DAYTON STREET, APT. 3
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/18/2005

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

HAMILTON, OH 45011

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)
04/20/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (D) Price			
Common Stock					125	D	
Common Stock					226	I	401-K
Common Stock					2,175	I	Restricted Stock

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 (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
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17							02/23/2005	02/23/2014	Common Stock	1,000
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2005		A		3,489 <u>(1)</u>		04/18/2006 ⁽²⁾	04/18/2015	Common Stock	3,489
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2005		A		5,711 <u>(1)</u>		04/18/2006 ⁽²⁾	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
OBERG ROBERT C JR 610 DAYTON STREET, APT. 3 HAMILTON, OH 45011	Executive Officer

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel 05/17/2005
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(2) 25% per year for 4 years

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(1) Correction of ISO/NQ Breakdown

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