

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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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 *
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS

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)
255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/02/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) Chief Credit Officer
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

(Street)
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2016 | | X | A | \$ 14.9 | 44,542 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/02/2016 | | X | A | \$ 14.9 | 48,898 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 16,858.2799 | I 401-k |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 22,487 | I Restricted Award |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 11,278 | I Restricted-P |

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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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2007 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | 08/02/2016 | | F | 5,180 | 04/30/2008 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 5,180 | |
| 2007 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | 08/02/2016 | | X | 1,531 | 04/30/2008 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 1,531 | |
| 2007 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | 08/02/2016 | | F | 17,133 | 04/30/2008 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 17,133 | |
| 2007 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | 08/02/2016 | | X | 4,356 | 04/30/2008 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 4,356 | |
| 2008 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 11.64 | | | | | 02/14/2009 04/14/2018 | Common Stock | 38,409 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS 255 EAST FIFTH STREET | | | Chief Credit Officer | |

SUITE 2900
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

08/04/2016

__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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