

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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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