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Form 4

January 07, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Pontius, Stanley N.
8 Churchill Street
Hamilton, OH 45013
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
308-48-1245
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
01/06/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
(X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report
			Code V	Amount	A/D Price
Common Stock					57949
Common Stock					7731
Common Stock					13739.
Common Stock					0
Common Stock					55571
Common Stock					345
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	01/06/2003		P	145	A \$17.0985 2247

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Title of Derivative	Deriv- ative	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed (D)	Date Exercis- able and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Amount or Number of
	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of	Trans- action Date	Execu- tion Date				Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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Security	Security	Year)	Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	isable	tion Date	Title	Shares
1996 (ISO)	\$11.2987								01/24/2006	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
1997 (ISO)	\$11.1342								01/28/2007	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
1997 (NQ)	\$11.1342								01/28/2007	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
1998 (ISO)	\$19.087								01/27/2008	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
1998 (NQ)	\$19.087								01/27/2008	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
1999 (ISO)	\$22.565								01/25/2009	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
1999 (NQ)	\$22.565								01/25/2009	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
2000 (ISO)	\$17.56								01/24/2010	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
2000 (NQ)	\$17.56								01/24/2010	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
2001 (ISO)	\$16.0124								01/23/2011	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
2001 (NQ)	\$16.0124								01/23/2011	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
2002 (ISO)	\$17.2								01/17/2012	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											
2002 (NQ)	\$17.2								01/17/2012	Common	
Stock										Stock	
Option											

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE
01/07/2003