

SCOTT JAMES R  
Form SC 13G  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

N/A

(Cusip Number)

December 31, 2002

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1 (b)

Rule 13d-1 (c)

Rule 13d-1 (d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the notes).

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CUSIP No. Not Applicable

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1. Name of Reporting Person: James R. Scott I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC Use Only:

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: Montana, USA

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Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:  
1,218,581

6. Shared Voting Power:  
8,810

7. Sole Dispositive Power:  
1,218,581

8. Shared Dispositive Power:  
8,810

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
1,227,391

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10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions):

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11):  
15.7%

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12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions):  
IN

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**Item 1.**

- (a) Name of Issuer:  
First Interstate BancSystem, Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
401 North 31st Street  
Billings, Montana 59116

**Item 2.**

- (a) Name of Person Filing:  
James R. Scott
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:  
401 North 31st Street  
Billings, Montana 59116
- (c) Citizenship:  
Montana, USA
- (d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Stock
- (e) CUSIP Number:  
Not Applicable

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

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- (j) o Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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**Item 4. Ownership.**

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
1,227,391
- (b) Percent of class:  
15.7%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
1,218,581
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
8,810
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
1,218,581
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
8,810

*Instruction.* For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security *see* §240.13d3(d)(1).

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following *o.Instruction:* Dissolution of a group requires a response to this item. Not Applicable **Item 6.Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.** Not Applicable **Item 7.Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.** Not Applicable **Item 8.Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.** Not Applicable **Item 9.Notice of Dissolution of Group.** Not Applicable

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**Item 10. Certification.**

Not Applicable

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 23, 2003

/s/ JAMES R. SCOTT

Name: James R. Scott

Title: Vice Chairman

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

*NOTE:* Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

**Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).**