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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Geier Peter E Issuer Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable)

/OH/ [FFBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 10/11/2016 2900

(Middle)

(First)

(Street)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

1,405

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secı	ırities Ac	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benef	icially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (I Following or Indirect Reported (I)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Ownership) (Instr. 4)	
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/11/2016		P		` '	\$ 21.35	599	D	
Common Stock							37,021	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

RESTRICTED

(1)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Geier Peter E 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X						

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. 10/12/2016 Meents, POA **Signature of Reporting

Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Date

- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Director Restricted Stock

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