

DIEPHOLZ KENNETH R  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 DIEPHOLZ KENNETH R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1421 CROSS CREEK  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/10/2007

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

MATTOON, IL 61938

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	22,842 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By IRA

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)**

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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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 10.37							12/15/1998	12/15/2008	Common Stock	1,687.5 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 10.22							12/13/1999	12/13/2009	Common Stock	1,687.5 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 8.37							12/18/2000	12/18/2010	Common Stock	1,687.5 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 10.67							12/18/2001	12/18/2011	Common Stock	2,250 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 12.11							12/16/2002	12/16/2012	Common Stock	2,250 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 20.67							12/16/2003	12/16/2013	Common Stock	3,375 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 27.33							12/14/2004	12/14/2014	Common Stock	3,375 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DIEPHOLZ KENNETH R 1421 CROSS CREEK MATTOON, IL 61938		X		

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed 11/01/2002. 12/10/2007

\_\_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) The balance of securities owned has been adjust to reflect a 3 for 2 stock split that occurred on June 29, 2007.

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