F	FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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(October 09, 2002
	 Name and Address of Reporting Person Bidwell, Martin J. 3300 Central Avenue Middletown, OH 45044 Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol First Financial Bancorp (FFBC) IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) 282-58-5303 Statement for Month/Year 10/2002 If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
	 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
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TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1000 (NO)	\$20 671					04/27/2000	Common		

1999 (NQ)	\$20.671	04/27/2009	Common
Stock Option			Stock
2002 (NQ)	\$18.84	04/23/2012	Common

Stock Option

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE 10/07/2002 Stock