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Form 4

October 09, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Posey, Steven C.
McDonald's Office
1733 S. Breiel
Middletown, OH 45044
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
289-42-9794
4. Statement for Month/Year
10/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 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)	3. Trans- action Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owne End Mont
			Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock						1594
Common Stock						1716
Common Stock						5295
Common Stock						1366
Common Stock						48077
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/07/2002	P	140	A	\$18.2500	2102

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Deriv- ative Security	3. Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	4. Transac- tion Code	5. Acquired (A) or Disposed (D)	6. Number of Derivative Securities	7. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	8. Title of Underlying Securities	9. Amount or Number of Shares
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1997 (NQ)	\$13.148	04/22/2007	Common
Stock Option			Stock
2000 (NQ)	\$20.671	04/22/2009	Common
Stock Option			Stock
2002 (NQ)	\$18.84	04/23/2012	Common
Stock Option			Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE
10/07/2002