FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 4 January 29, 2003 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/Day/Year 01/29/2003 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 6. 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 |1. Title of Security |2. Trans- |2A.Execu- |3. Trans- |4. Securities Acquired (A)|5. Amo | action | action | or Disposed of (D) |Securi Date | Date | Code | |Benefi |Owned | (Month/ | (Month/ | Follow | Day/ | Day/ +----+---+---+---+---+---+Report Year) |Code |V |Amount |A/D|Price |Transa Year) | ____+______ 1594 Common Stock Common Stock 1716 Common Stock 5295 Common Stock 1366 01/29/2003 S -10000 D \$15.8000 38077 Common Stock 2247 FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan) TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |2. |3. |3A. |4. |5. |6. |7. |1. 1 |Title and Amount | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |of Underlying

|Title of |Deriv- |(Month/|(Month/|tion Code|Disposed(D)+-----+ |Derivative|ative | Day/ | Day/ +----+-+-+--+-+Date Exer-|Expira- | Number lof |Security |Security |Year) |Year) |Code |V |(A) |(D) |cisable |tion Date |Title |Shares

1997 (NQ) \$13.148 Stock Option 2000 (NQ) \$20.671 Stock Option 2002 (NQ) \$18.84 Stock Option

04/22/2007 Common Stock

04/22/2009 Common Stock

04/23/2012 Common Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE 01/29/2003