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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)
 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)	2A.Execu- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Am Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock					1594
Common Stock					1716
Common Stock					5295
Common Stock					1366
Common Stock	01/29/2003		S	-10000 D \$15.8000	38077
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)					2247

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

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.	
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Execu- tion Date	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exercis- able (Month/Day/Year) Date Exer- tion Date	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares

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1997 (NQ)	\$13.148	04/22/2007	Common
Stock			Stock
Option			
2000 (NQ)	\$20.671	04/22/2009	Common
Stock			Stock
Option			
2002 (NQ)	\$18.84	04/23/2012	Common
Stock			Stock
Option			

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE
01/29/2003