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FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 4 April 25, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading gehlmann gregory a Issuer Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) /OH/ [FFBC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **300 HIGH STREET** 04/24/2006 SVP/Corporate General Counsel (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HAMILTON, OH 45013 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 04/24/2006 Α 2,700Α \$0 5,000 Ι Restricted Stock

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>3A. Deemed</li> <li>Execution Date, if</li> <li>any</li> <li>(Month/Day/Year)</li> </ul>	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of torDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	Date Exercisable and piration Date fonth/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	· (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 18.63					06/21/2006	06/21/2016	Common Stock	5,367	
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 18.63					06/21/2006	06/21/2016	Common Stock	6,033	
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2006		А	6,242	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242	
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2006		А	10,258	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	10,258	

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
gehlmann gregory a 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45013			SVP/Corporate General Counsel				
Signaturaa							

### Signatures

terri j ziepfel 04/25/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reporting Person

# **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).

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