

First Financial Northwest, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2015

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): December 11, 2015

First Financial Northwest, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington  
State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation

001-3365  
Commission  
File Number

26-0610707  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

201 Wells Avenue South, Renton, Washington  
(Address of principal executive offices)

98057  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (including area code) (425) 255-4400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions.

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On December 14, 2015, First Financial Northwest, Inc. (the “Company”), its financial institution subsidiary, First Savings Bank Northwest (“Bank”), and its non-financial institution subsidiary, First Financial Diversified Corporation (“FFD”), announced that Director Kathleen Smythe, Ph.D., had passed away unexpectedly on December 11, 2015. Ms. Smythe had served as a director of the Company, the Bank and FFD since August 21, 2015. Although Ms. Smythe served as a director for only a short time, she will be greatly missed.

For further information, reference is made to the press release dated December 14, 2015, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is being furnished herewith and this list shall constitute the exhibit index:

99.1 Press Release of First Financial Northwest, Inc. dated December 14, 2015

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL NORTHWEST, INC.

DATE: December 14, 2015

By: /s/Richard P. Jacobson  
Richard P. Jacobson  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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