MURPH KNAPKE

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPH KNAPKE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900			10/10/2017	below) below)			

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNA	ATI, OH 45202			Po	Form filed by Mo erson	ore than One Re	porting
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Deri	ivative Securities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Monday Day, Tear)	any	Code (In	nstr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned Following	Direct (D) or Indirect	Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported Transaction(s)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
			Code V Ar	or mount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(1115111 1)	
FFBC				, ,			
(Directors				\$			

		Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/10/2017	P		207	A	\$ 26.4656	9,962	D	
Common Stock							52,538	D	
Common Stock							5,000	I	IRA
Common Stock							1,212	I	Restricted

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				C 1 17	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MURPH KNAPKE 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X							

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA
10/11/2017

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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