OBERG ROBERT C JR
Form 4/A
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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **OBERG ROBERT C JR**	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) Executive Officer
(Last) (First) (Middle) **610 DAYTON STREET, APT. 3**	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) **04/18/2005**	
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) **04/20/2005**	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
HAMILTON, OH 45011		
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								125	D	
Common Stock								226	I	401-K
Common Stock								2,175	I	Restricted Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

number.

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/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
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	$ 17							02/23/2005	02/23/2014	Common Stock	1,000
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	$ 17.51	04/18/2005		A		3,489 (1)		04/18/2006(2)	04/18/2015	Common Stock	3,489
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	$ 17.51	04/18/2005		A		5,711 (1)		04/18/2006(2)	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OBERG ROBERT C JR 610 DAYTON STREET, APT. 3 HAMILTON, OH 45011			Executive Officer	

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel	05/17/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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).

(2)   25% per year for 4 years

(1) Correction of ISO/NQ Breakdown

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