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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â hoying john c | | (Month/Day/Year) | FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 12/16/2005 | | |
| 300 HIGH STREET | | | (Check all applicable) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | |
| | | | SVP | |
| HAMILTON,Â OHÂ 45011 | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 2,388 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 562 | I | 401-K |
| Common Stock | 2,392.91 | I | 401-K |
| Common Stock | 500 | I | Raymond James Brokerage Account |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

