

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

October 24, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP
/OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8340 CAROLINES TRAIL

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/23/2006

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

CINCINNATI, OH 45242

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	10/23/2006	10/10/2006	J ⁽¹⁾		27.701	D	\$ 0 1,102
Common Stock	10/23/2006		J ⁽²⁾		525	D	\$ 0 577
Common Stock (David & Susan Knust Living Trust)							2,000

Common
Stock

(Susan

Purkrabek 10/23/2006

J(2)

525

A

\$ 0

525

D

Knust

Agency

Trust)

FFBC

(Directors

Fee Stock

Plan)

756

D

Common
Stock

10/23/2006

10/10/2006

J(1)

27.701

A

\$ 0

1,382.8195

I

K.P.
Properties

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)	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)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.08					04/26/2006	04/26/2016	Common Stock	8,663

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

X

PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L
8340 CAROLINES TRAIL
CINCINNATI, OH 45242

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel

10/24/2006

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) Transfer of Shares

(1) Correction of dividend reinvestment shares posted to wrong account

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