

FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â MECHERLE RAYMOND PERRY III		(Month/Day/Year) 07/25/2005	FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND [FHI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
501 SOUTH FOURTH STREET			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			___ Director ___ 10% Owner	
LOUISVILLE, Â KY Â 40202			___ Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	
			Officer of Subadvisor	
			5. 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 Person	

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)
No Securities Owned	0	D	Â

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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