

FIRST BANCTRUST CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
HOWARD TERRY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**FIRST BANCTRUST CORP
[FBTC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
101 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/21/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

PARIS, IL 61944

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/21/2007		P	200 A \$ 11.06	10,500	I	IRA
Common Stock					30,078	D	
Common Stock					4,000	I	Wife's IRA
Common Stock					28,296	I	401(k)
Common Stock					10,006	I	ESOP

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

Table with columns: 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 10. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 11. Date of Exercise or Conversion (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 12. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 13. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5), 14. Number of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 15. Date of Exercise or Conversion (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 16. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 17. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5), 18. Number of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4).

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row: HOWARD TERRY J, 101 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944, X, President and CEO.

Signatures

Timothy E. Kraepel, Attorney-in-Fact, 08/27/2007. **Signature of Reporting Person, Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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