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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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Barker David S

(Last)

2900

Plan)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/24/2012		D	1,239 (1)	D	\$ 16.31	1,251	I	Restricted
Common Stock	05/24/2012		A	1,239 (1)	A	\$ 16.31	3,239	D	
Common Stock							1,232	I	Brokerage Account
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock							1,281	D	

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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)

 Title of 	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities	1		(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired]
					(A) or						J
					Disposed						-
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date	11110	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Barker David S 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X						

Signatures

/s/Terri J Ziepfel, POA 05/29/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- (1) Vesting of restricted stock award.

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