

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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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)  
 255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/13/2013

Director 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  
 EVP/CFO

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	04/04/2013		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	2,307	D	\$ 0	601	D	
Common Stock	04/04/2013		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	2,307	A	\$ 0	11,839	I	USB Brokerage Account
Common Stock	04/13/2013		D <sup>(2)</sup>		1,200	D	\$ 15.71	17,393	I	Restricted
Common Stock	04/13/2013		A <sup>(3)</sup>		804	A	\$ 15.71	1,405	D	
								8,319.2578	I	401k

Common  
Stock

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. Price or Deriv Secur (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.61					12/20/2007	12/20/2016	Common Stock	5,000
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	289
2008 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 11.64					02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	8,591
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64					02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	19,409

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
stollings anthony m 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202			EVP/CFO	

## Signatures

/s/Terri J Ziepfel, POA	04/15/2013
**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).
- (1) Transfer of shares held in direct name to USB brokerage account.
  - (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
  - (3) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares withheld for taxes

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