FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

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FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

DAVIS CLAUDE E

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP

/OH/ [FFBC]

(Check all applicable)

CEO

(Last)

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

_X__ Director

(Month/Day/Year) 255 E FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

02/20/2015

_ Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) below)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefi	cially 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) (A) or			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)	
Common Stock	02/20/2015		Code V A	Amount 6,098 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 17.67	63,355	I	Restricted
Common Stock	02/20/2015		D	6,098 (2)	D	\$ 17.67	57,257	I	Restricted
Common Stock	02/20/2015		A	3,936 (3)	A	\$ 17.67	258,287	D	
Common Stock							580.1709	I	401-k
Common Stock							47,558	Ι	Restricted-P

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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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	1
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						1
	·				(A) or						1
					Disposed						,
					of (D)						,
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Numbe	Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DAVIS CLAUDE E							
255 E FIFTH STREET	X		CEO				
SUITE 2900	Λ		CEO				
CINCINNATI, OH 45202							

Signatures

Person

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

**Signature of Reporting

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) Award of stock pursuant to FFBC incentive plan.
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
- (3) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used for taxes.

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