

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 \*  
**LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS**

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/08/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President - Community Banking

(Street)  
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  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 03/08/2016                           |  | A                              | (1)<br>11,072   | \$ 0 26,312   | I  | Restricted Award                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 03/08/2016                           |  | A                              | (2)<br>3,691  | \$ 0 11,278   | I  | Restricted-P  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 46,704  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 16,858.2799   | I  | 401-k   |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 2006 (ISO) Stock Option                    | \$ 16.02   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/24/2007 04/24/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 6,242                         |
| 2006 (NQ) Stock Option                     | \$ 16.02   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/24/2007 04/24/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 19,258                        |
| 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  | 21,489                        |
| 2008 (NQ) Stock Option                     | \$ 11.64   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/14/2009 04/14/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 38,409                        |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS  
255 EAST FIFTH STREET  
SUITE 2900  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

President - Community Banking

## Signatures

/s/ Billie L.  
Meents, POA

03/09/2016

\_\_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) Vests 1/3 per year for three years and dividends are accrued and paid at vesting.
  - (2) Performance-based restricted stock award that cliff vests after three years. Dividends are accrued and paid in accordance with performance-based restricted shares earned at the end of the performance period.

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