

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Menendez Cortada Jose

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P O BOX 9146  
(Street)  
SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/23/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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   |  |                                   |
| First BanCorp Common Stock      | 11/23/2007                           |  | P                              |   | 7,018 A \$ 6.84   | 24,869 (2)   | D                                 |
| First BanCorp Common Stock      | 11/23/2007                           |  | P                              |   | 400 A \$ 6.87   | 24,869 (2)   | D                                 |
| First BanCorp Common Stock      | 11/23/2007                           |  | P                              |   | 2,582 A \$ 6.91   | 24,869 (2)   | D                                 |

|  |       |   |                            |
|--|-------|---|----------------------------|
| First<br>BanCorp<br>Common<br>Stock                | 550   | I | See<br>footnote <u>(1)</u> |
| First<br>BanCorp<br>Preferred<br>Stock<br>Series A | 1,500 | D |                            |
| First<br>BanCorp<br>Preferred<br>Stock<br>Series B | 500   | D |                            |
| First<br>BanCorp<br>Preferred<br>Stock<br>Series C | 2,000 | D |                            |
| First<br>BanCorp<br>Preferred<br>Stock<br>Series D | 6,000 | D |                            |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                    | V (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Menendez Cortada Jose<br>P O BOX 9146<br>SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| /s/ Jose Menendez<br>Cortada               | 11/27/2007 |
| <u>  </u> Signature of Reporting<br>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) Indirect Ownership through Martinez-Alvarez, Menendez-Cortada & Lefranc Romero, PSC of which Mr. Menendez-Cortada is an indirect beneficial owner.
- (2) Total included in "Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction" reflects total holdings as of the latest transaction effected on November 23, 2007.

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