FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4 May 25, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Collar Mark A

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP

/OH/ [FFBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2016

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities A	cquired, Dispos	ed of, or Ben	eficially 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 Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					(A) or	D.	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/23/2016		Code V D	Amount 1,586 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 19.3	0	I	RESTRICTED
Common Stock	05/23/2016		A	1,586 (1)	A	\$ 19.3	14,059	D	
Common Stock							600	I	Schwab Brokerage Account
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock							1,222	D	

Plan)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Collar Mark A 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X							

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. 05/25/2016 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).
- According to the terms of the 2009 Non-Employee Stock Plan, all unvested restricted stock became fully vested and all restrictions ended as of the retirement date May 23, 2016.

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