

LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS
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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
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/28/2017

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	07/28/2017		X	A	14,241	\$ 11.64	74,170 D
Common Stock	07/31/2017		S	D	35,602	\$ 25.6728	38,568 D
						(1)	
Common Stock	08/01/2017		S	D	4,398	\$ 25.8221	34,170 D
						(2)	
Common Stock							16,858.2799 I 401-k

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Common Stock	18,477	I	Restricted Award
Common Stock	9,940	I	Restricted-P

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	07/28/2017		F	24,168	02/14/2009 04/14/2018	Common Stock	24,168	
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	07/28/2017		X	14,241	02/14/2009 04/14/2018	Common Stock	14,241	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. Meents, POA
08/01/2017
Date

**Signature of Reporting
Person

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) The price reported is an average price. The prices ranged from \$25.55 to \$25.80 per share.
 - (2) The price reported is an average price. The prices ranged from \$25.65 to \$26.00 per share.

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