

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

December 29, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SPARKS RAY A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST MID ILLINOIS
BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2004

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

MATTOON, IL 61938

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/28/2004		S		0.916	D	\$ 38.25
Common Stock	12/28/2004		S		0.725	D	\$ 38.25
Common Stock					11,204.285	I	By Deferred Comp
Common Stock					675	I	By Child
					5,730.605	I	By Wife
					57,682	I	By Sparks Investment Group
					107,348	D	

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Common Stock	2,600	I	By The Sparks Foundation
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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 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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 41					12/14/2004	12/14/2014	Common Stock	2,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SPARKS RAY A 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD MATTOON, IL 61938	X

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed 09/06/2002	12/29/2004
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__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).

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