

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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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)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Credit Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/02/2016

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	08/02/2016		X	A	\$ 14.9	44,542	D
Common Stock	08/02/2016		X	A	\$ 14.9	48,898	D
Common Stock						16,858.2799	I 401-k
Common Stock						22,487	I Restricted Award
Common Stock						11,278	I Restricted-P

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	08/02/2016		F	5,180	04/30/2008 04/30/2017	Common Stock	5,180	
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	08/02/2016		X	1,531	04/30/2008 04/30/2017	Common Stock	1,531	
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	08/02/2016		F	17,133	04/30/2008 04/30/2017	Common Stock	17,133	
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	08/02/2016		X	4,356	04/30/2008 04/30/2017	Common Stock	4,356	
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			Chief Credit Officer	

SUITE 2900
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

08/04/2016

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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