

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**WRIGHT CHRISTIE L**

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)  
**11 OAK POINTE DR**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/14/2004**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President/Secretary

**NEOGA, IL 62447**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) Amount Price	1,695.831	I	By Spouse
Common Stock				(A) Amount Price	1,537.79	I	By 401K
Common Stock	06/18/2004		J <sup>(4)</sup>	V 4.966 A \$ 48.75	1,142.144 <sup>(5)</sup>	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 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 (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
Stock Option	\$ 16					01/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/18/2011	Common Stock	1,125 <sup>(5)</sup>
Stock Option	\$ 18.17					01/01/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/16/2012	Common Stock	2,250 <sup>(5)</sup>
Stock Option	\$ 31					01/01/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/16/2013	Common Stock	2,250 <sup>(5)</sup>
Stock Option	\$ 41	12/14/2004		A	2,250	01/01/2006 <sup>(7)</sup>	12/14/2014	Common Stock	2,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WRIGHT CHRISTIE L 11 OAK POINTE DR NEOGA, IL 62447	Vice President/Secretary

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed on 12-19-2002. 12/16/2004

\_\_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).

(1) Options become exercisable in 3 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2005.

(2) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2004.

(3) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2005.

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- (4) Shares purchased through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan with dividends paid on shares of common stock held.
- (5) Share balance has been adjusted to reflect a 3 for 2 stock split that occurred on July 16, 2004.
- (6) N/A
- (7) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2006.

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