

GILMORE DENNIS J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GILMORE DENNIS J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**5601 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE**  
  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/28/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Operating Officer**

**ANAHEIM, CA 92807**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/28/2005		M	12,000 A \$ 18.08	20,518.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005		M	4,000 A \$ 16.5	24,518.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005		M	3,560 A \$ 5.694	28,078.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005		M	20,000 A \$ 10.75	48,078.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005		S	800 D \$ 35.13	47,278.68	D	

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Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	1,760	D	\$ 35.12	45,518.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 35.1	43,218.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	600	D	\$ 35.09	42,618.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	600	D	\$ 35.08	42,018.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	3,100	D	\$ 35.07	38,918.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	300	D	\$ 35.06	38,618.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	2,400	D	\$ 35.05	36,218.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	7,000	D	\$ 35.04	29,218.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	100	D	\$ 35.03	29,118.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	900	D	\$ 35.01	28,218.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	19,200	D	\$ 35	9,018.68	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2005	S	500	D	\$ 34.99	8,518.68	D	
Common Stock						1,722.3	I	By 401(k) Plan Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						144	I	By ESOP Trust <sup>(2)</sup>

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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3, 4,  
and 5)

				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.694		04/28/2005	M			3,560	04/24/1997 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/24/2006	Common Stock	3,560
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.75		04/28/2005	M			20,000	02/24/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/24/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.08		04/28/2005	M			12,000	12/13/2002 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/13/2011	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.5		04/28/2005	M			4,000	07/23/2003 <sup>(6)</sup>	07/23/2012	Common Stock	4,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.583							04/23/1999 <sup>(7)</sup>	04/23/2008	Common Stock	22,583
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27							12/14/2001 <sup>(8)</sup>	12/14/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.85							02/27/2004 <sup>(9)</sup>	02/27/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.56							02/26/2005 <sup>(10)</sup>	02/26/2014	Common Stock	50,000
	\$ 36.55							02/28/2006 <sup>(11)</sup>	02/28/2015		60,000

Employee  
 Stock  
 Option  
 (right to  
 buy)

Common  
 Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILMORE DENNIS J 5601 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE ANAHEIM, CA 92807			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

By: Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney In  
 Fact for  
 Date: 04/29/2005

\_\_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) Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent account statement in transactions exempt under rules 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B) and 16b-3(c).
  - (2) Amount shown consists of shares allocated to my account in previous years and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid on such previously allocated shares, as reported in most recent account statement.
  - (3) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/24/97, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/24/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (5) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/13/02, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 7/23/03, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (7) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (8) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/14/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (9) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/27/04, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (10) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/26/05, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (11) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/28/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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