

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

April 09, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
Porter, Barry S.  
385 Oliver Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45215
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
282-32-9070
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  
04/08/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
(X) Director ( ) 10% Owner  
( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
(X) 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	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount or Price	5. Amount or Price	5. Amount or Price	5. Amount or Price	5. Amount or Price	5. Amount or Price
Common Stock										16109
Common Stock										0
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	04/08/2003		P	193	A	\$16.4725				2440

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	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 Securities
1997 (NQ) Stock Option	\$13.148					04/22/2007	Common Stock

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2000 (NQ) \$16.9048  
Stock  
Option

04/25/2010 Common  
Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE  
04/09/2003