FIRST AMERICAN CORP Form 8-K October 14, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) October 10, 2008

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-13585 (Commission File Number) 95-1068610 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 92707-5913 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (714) 250-3000

Not Applicable.

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 10, 2008, the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the Court), entered an order providing for notice in connection with two shareholder derivative actions pertaining to The First American Corporation s (the Company s) prior stock option granting practices, Young v. Kennedy, et al., Case No. SACV06-1230 JVS (RNBx) and Larson v. Kennedy, et al., Case No. SACV07-134 JVS(ANx). The Court, on September 30, 2008, preliminarily approved of a settlement of these suits and has set a hearing date for final approval of the settlement on December 22, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

As required by the Court s order, a copy of the Notice of Proposed Settlement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The notice can also be viewed on the Company s website at www.firstam.com/investors/notice.pdf, along with a copy of the related Stipulation of Settlement, which is available at www.firstam.com/investors/stipulation.pdf.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Notice of Proposed Settlement of Derivative Action.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 14, 2008

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

By: /s/ Kenneth D. DeGiorgio Name: Kenneth D. DeGiorgio

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel