FIRST AMERICAN CORP Form 8-K March 27, 2009

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) March 24, 2009

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California (State or Other Jurisdiction

001-13585 (Commission

95-1068610 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

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.

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 24, 2009, The First American Corporation (the Company) announced that John Peace has been appointed to its Board of Directors. Mr. Peace is the Chairman of Experian plc (Experian), which indirectly owns 20% of the membership interests of the Company s subsidiary, First American Real Estate Solutions LLC. In addition to this relationship as joint venture partners, certain affiliates of the Company and Experian compete on a limited basis with each other, primarily in the credit reporting business. The Company s credit information segment also purchases products and services, primarily credit reports, from Experian s affiliates. A copy of the press release announcing the appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In addition, on March 24, 2009, the Company s Compensation Committee changed the 2009 target bonus amount for Max O. Valdes, chief accounting officer, from \$425,000 to \$500,000.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release.

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.

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

Date: March 27, 2009 By: /s/ Kenneth D. DeGiorgio

Name: Kenneth D. DeGiorgio

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel