

KERMOTT GARY LEWIS  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KERMOTT GARY LEWIS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY

(Street)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

08/04/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/04/2005		M	25,000 A \$ 10.75	57,018	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	200 D \$ 42.88	56,818	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	1,400 D \$ 42.87	55,418	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	1,000 D \$ 42.86	54,418	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	1,700 D \$ 42.85	52,718	D	

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Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 42.84	50,018	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	700	D	\$ 42.83	49,318	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	600	D	\$ 42.82	48,718	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	100	D	\$ 42.81	48,618	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	500	D	\$ 42.8	48,118	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	100	D	\$ 42.52	48,018	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	3,700	D	\$ 42.51	44,318	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005	S	12,300	D	\$ 42.5	32,018	D	
Common Stock						12,448.929	I	By 401(k) Plan Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						3,753.346	I	By ESOP Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						350	I	By Self for Son Crandall
Common Stock						350	I	By Self for Son Kyle

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

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						Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.75	08/04/2005	M	25,000	02/24/2001 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/24/2010	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Director Stock (right to buy)	\$ 23.583				04/23/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/23/2008	Common Stock	30,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27				12/14/2001 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/14/2010	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.08				12/13/2002 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/13/2011	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.85				02/27/2004 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/27/2013	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.56				02/26/2005 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/26/2014	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.55				02/28/2006 <sup>(9)</sup>	02/28/2015	Common Stock	60,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KERMOTT GARY LEWIS 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY			Executive Vice President	

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

## Signatures

By: Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney In  
Fact for

08/16/2005

\_\_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).

- Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through
- (1) 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 2/24/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (5) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/14/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/13/02, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (7) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/27/04, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (8) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/26/05, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (9) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/28/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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