

FIRST AMERICAN CORP  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
DOTI JAMES LOUIS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 UNIVERSITY DRIVE

(Street)

ORANGE, CA 928661005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]

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

08/22/2005

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/22/2005		M		6,750 A \$ 23.583	20,777	D
Common Stock	08/22/2005		M		6,750 A \$ 17.25	27,527	D
Common Stock	08/22/2005		S		2,100 D \$ 41.32	25,427	D
Common Stock	08/22/2005		S		800 D \$ 41.29	24,627	D
Common Stock	08/22/2005		S		1,400 D \$ 41.3	23,227	D
	08/22/2005		S		900 D \$ 41.26	22,327	D

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	08/22/2005		S	1,700	D	\$ 41.25	20,627		D
Common Stock	08/22/2005		S	800	D	\$ 41.28	19,827		D
Common Stock	08/22/2005		S	1,900	D	\$ 41.31	17,927		D
Common Stock	08/22/2005		S	400	D	\$ 41.27	17,527		D
Common Stock							900		I
									By Trustee <sup>(1)</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) (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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Nonemployee Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.583	08/22/2005		M	6,750	04/23/1999 04/23/2008	Common Stock	6,750	
Nonemployee Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.25	08/22/2005		M	6,750	08/31/1999 06/23/2009	Common Stock	6,750	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOTI JAMES LOUIS  
1 UNIVERSITY DRIVE  
ORANGE, CA 928661005

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## Signatures

By: Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney In  
Fact for

08/24/2005

\_\_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) These shares are held in a revocable family trust for the benefit of my wife and I, and for which we are co-trustees having investment control. I have the right to revoke the trust with respect to these shares without the consent of another person.

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