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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Langford Kevin T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

2900

03/06/2013

Issuer

EVP/Chief Admin Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State) (Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative (Secur	ities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		nr.	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Wondin Buy, Tear)	any	Code	Disposed	` ′		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					(A) or		Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
C			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(
Common Stock	03/06/2013		A	9,118 (1)	A	\$0	24,308	I	Restricted
Common Stock							1,855	D	
Common Stock							4,296	I	Brokerage Account

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02					04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	1,561
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02					04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	1,215
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	3,356
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	2,945
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64					02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	12,755

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Langford Kevin T			EVP/Chief					
255 EAST FIFTH STREET			Admin Officer					
SUITE 2900								

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Signatures

/s/ Hope M Elliott, POA 03/07/2013

**Signature of Reporting 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) Vests 1/3 per year for three years & dividends are accrued and paid at vesting.

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