

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

4000 SMITH RD., SUITE 400

04/16/2010

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45209

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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                                                 |
| FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan) | 04/16/2010                           |                                                    | P                              |                                                                   | 154                                                                                           | A                                                        | \$ 18.9928                                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 2,150.5514                                                                                    | D                                                        | (1)                                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 1,614.5122                                                                                    | I                                                        | (1) K.p. Properties                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 3,241.2952                                                                                    | I                                                        | (1) Restricted Stock Award                            |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Common<br>Stock<br>(David &<br>Susan<br>Knust<br>Living<br>Trust) | 2,000 | D |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(David<br>Knust FFB<br>Trust)                  | 3,000 | D |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(Susan<br>Knust<br>Agency<br>Trust)            | 525   | D |
| Common<br>Stock<br>(Susan<br>Knust FFB<br>Trust)                  | 3,000 | D |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr. |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                  | Title                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Code                                                           | V (A) (D)                                                           |                                     |                                        |
| 2005                                                | \$ 17.08                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 04/26/2006                                                     | 04/26/2016                                                          | Common                              | 8,663                                  |

(NQ)  
 Sock  
 Option

Stock

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L<br>4000 SMITH RD.<br>SUITE 400<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45209 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/Terri J  
 Ziepfel, POA

04/19/2010

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) Includes shares in dividend reinvestment account

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