

FIRST BANCORP /NC/  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**WILLIS JOHN C**  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
(Street)  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/20/2008**

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	05/20/2008		M		2,250	A	\$ 14.6667
Common Stock					263,591	I	SPOUSE

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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.5					06/01/2000 06/01/2010	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.1113					06/01/1999 06/01/2009	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.3667					06/01/2002 06/01/2012	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16					06/01/2001 06/01/2011	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3					06/01/2003 06/01/2013	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.61					06/01/2007 06/01/2017	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.6867					06/01/2004 06/01/2014	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.83					06/01/2006 06/01/2016	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options	\$ 22.12					06/28/2005 06/28/2015	Common Stock	2,250

