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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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * stollings anthony m

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

/OH/ [FFBC]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle) (Last) (First)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

(Street)

03/06/2018

below) President & COO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefi	icially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	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)
Common Stock	03/06/2018		A	5,490 (1)	A	\$0	19,042	I	Restricted
Common Stock	03/06/2018		A	1,830 (2)	A	\$0	9,017	I	Restricted-P
Common Stock	03/07/2018		D	1,829 (3)	D	\$ 28.7	17,213	I	Restricted
Common Stock	03/07/2018		A	1,281 (4)	A	\$ 28.7	11,199	D	
Common Stock							37,825	I	USB Brokerage

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Account

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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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

stollings anthony m 255 EAST FIFTH STREET **SUITE 2900** CINCINNATI, OH 45202

President & COO

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. 03/08/2018 Meents, POA

**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) Award of stock pursuant to FFBC incentive plan.
- Performance-based restricted stock award that cliff vests after three years. Dividends are accrued and paid in accordance with performance-based restricted shares earned at the end of the performance period.

(3) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award

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(4) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares withheld for taxes.

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