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Form 8-K  
April 27, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 29549

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Form 8-K  
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 26, 2006  
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First Bancorp  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

North Carolina	0-15572	56-1421916
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

341 North Main Street, Troy, North Carolina	27371
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(910) 576-6171  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
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(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01 - Other Events

On April 26, 2006, the Registrant announced that it had entered into an agreement with Bank of the Carolinas to purchase the Bank of the Carolinas branch located in Carthage, North Carolina. The branch has approximately \$25 million in total deposits. The press release announcing the agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Title
99.1	Press Release Dated April 26, 2006

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

First Bancorp

April 26, 2006

By: /s/ James H. Garner

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James H. Garner  
President and Chief Executive Officer

