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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS Issuer Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) /OH/ [FFBC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 03/14/2014 Pres.- Commercial Banking/WM 2900 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	-Derivativ	e Seci	urities Ac	equired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/14/2014		D(1)	4,042	D	\$ 17.56	28,956	I	Resticted Award
Common Stock	03/14/2014		A(2)	2,710	A	\$ 17.56	38,411	D	
Common Stock							16,858.2799	I	401-k
Common Stock							3,761	I	Restricted-P

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 1 5 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51					04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711	
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	\$ 17.51					04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	19,289	
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02					04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242	
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02					04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	19,258	
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711	
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9					04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	21,489	
2008 (NQ)	\$ 11.64					02/14/2009	04/14/2018	Common Stock	48,409	

Stock Option

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Pres.- Commercial Banking/WM

Signatures

/s/ Hope M. 03/17/2014 Elliott, POA

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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- * 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) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used for taxes

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