

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
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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 \*  
LEFFERSON C DOUGLAS

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Credit Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2017

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/17/2017		A	(1)	\$ 28.4	I	Restricted Award
Common Stock	02/17/2017		D	(2)	\$ 28.4	I	Restricted Award
Common Stock	02/17/2017		A	(3)	\$ 28.4	D	
Common Stock					16,858.2799	I	401-k
Common Stock					11,278	I	Restricted-P



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- (3) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used for taxes. Shares were awarded and immediately vested pursuant to the Company's short-term incentive plan.

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