FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPH KNAPKE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) 255 EAST FI 2900	AST FIFTH STREET, SUITE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/26/2016	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Plan)

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or D		(A) or		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	05/26/2016		D	1,817 (1)	D	\$ 19.66	1,609	I	Restricted
Common Stock	05/26/2016		A	1,817 (1)	A	\$ 19.66	50,929	D	
Common Stock							20,000	I	IRA
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock							8,748	D	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MURPH KNAPKE 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X						

Signatures

/s/ Billie L. 05/27/2016 Meents, 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

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