

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
 SPARKS RAY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/28/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 MATTOON, IL 61938

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 or Disposed of (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned or Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock					5,730	I	By Wife			
Common Stock					57,682	I	By Sparks Investment Group			
Common Stock					107,348	D				
Common Stock	01/07/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	V	66.555	A	\$ 41	11,436.302	I	By Deferred Comp
Common Stock	02/28/2005		P		136.905	A	\$ 40.55	11,573.207	I	By Deferred Comp

Common Stock	675	I	By Child
Common Stock	2,600	I	By The Sparks Foundation

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 41			Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable: 12/14/2004 Expiration Date: 12/14/2014	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares: 2,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPARKS RAY A 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD MATTOON, IL 61938			X	

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed 09/06/2002

03/01/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Shares acquired through the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan with dividends paid on shares of common stock held.

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