

FIRST BANCORP /NC/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**PERKINS GEORGE R JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/28/2009**

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)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/25/2008		L	V 3.1207 A \$ 19.2262	482,576.0989	D	
Common Stock	02/25/2008		L	V 3.2586 A \$ 18.4128	482,579.3575	D	
Common Stock	03/25/2008		L	V 2.9451 A \$ 20.3728	482,582.3026	D	
Common Stock	04/25/2008		L	V 3.173 A \$ 18.9098	482,585.4756	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2008		L	V 3.3822 A \$ 17.7399	482,588.8578	D	
	06/25/2008		L	V 4.1379 A	482,592.9957	D	

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Common Stock						\$ 14.5001			
Common Stock	07/25/2008		L V	3.9762	A	\$ 15.0899	482,596.9719	D	
Common Stock	08/25/2008		L V	4.1237	A	\$ 14.55	482,601.0956	D	
Common Stock	09/25/2008		L V	3.2859	A	\$ 18.2598	482,604.3815	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2008		L V	4.226	A	\$ 14.1967	482,608.6075	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2008		L V	3.6123	A	\$ 16.61	482,612.2198	D	
Common Stock	12/26/2008		L V	3.5608	A	\$ 16.85	482,615.7806	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2009		X	2,250	A	\$ 11.111	484,865.7806	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.1113	01/28/2009		X	2,250	06/01/1999 06/01/2009	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.5					06/01/2000 06/01/2010	Common Stock	2,250

Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16		06/01/2001	06/01/2011	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.3667		06/01/2002	06/01/2012	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.3		06/01/2003	06/01/2013	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.6867		06/01/2004	06/01/2014	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.12		06/28/2005	06/28/2015	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.83		06/01/2006	06/01/2016	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.61		06/01/2007	06/01/2017	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81		06/01/2008	06/01/2018	Common Stock	2,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PERKINS GEORGE R JR	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Timothy S. Maples,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/29/2009

\*\*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).

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