

FIRST BANCORP /NC/
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FORM 4

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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 *
WILLIS JOHN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/20/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/20/2008		M	2,250 A \$ 14.6667	199,282	D	
Common Stock					263,591	I	SPOUSE

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)

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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)	\$ 10.5					06/01/2000 06/01/2010	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.1113					06/01/1999 06/01/2009	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)	\$ 16					06/01/2001 06/01/2011	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)	\$ 19.61					06/01/2007 06/01/2017	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)	\$ 21.83					06/01/2006 06/01/2016	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options	\$ 22.12					06/28/2005 06/28/2015	Common Stock	2,250

(Right to buy)

Stock

Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.6667	05/20/2008	M	2,250	06/01/1998	06/01/2008	Common Stock	2,250
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIS JOHN C		X		

Signatures

Timothy S. Maples, Attorney-in-Fact	05/21/2008
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**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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