

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

September 17, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/17/2007

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

MATTOON, IL 61938

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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Person

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 (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)
Common Stock	01/08/2007		J ⁽¹⁾	V 77.016 A \$ 41.7	12,429.223	I	By Deferred Comp
Common Stock	06/15/2007		J ⁽¹⁾	V 85.403 A \$ 40.75	18,771.939 ⁽²⁾	I	By Deferred Comp
Common Stock	09/17/2007		G ⁽³⁾	4,630 D ⁽³⁾	145,232 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2007		G ⁽³⁾	4,630 A ⁽³⁾	18,880 ⁽²⁾	I	By 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed 09/17/2007
9/6/02.

__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.
- (2) Amount of securities beneficially owned has been adjusted to reflect a 3 for 2 stock split that occurred on June 29, 2007.
- (3) Mr. Sparks gifted shares to the Sparks Foundation.

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