

OMEARA JOHN M  
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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 \*  
OMEARA JOHN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/21/2006

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

ITASCA, IL 60143

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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	832 A \$ 31.01	75,618	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S	832 D \$ 33.69	74,786	D	
Common Stock					3,099 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By IRA
Common Stock					226,482 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By NQ Stock Option Gain Deferral

Common Stock	165,165 <sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	I	Plan Tr By Profit Sharing Plan Trust
Common Stock	38,805	I	By 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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.01	02/21/2006		M	832	11/09/2002	02/21/2006	Common Stock	832

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OMEARA JOHN M ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

By: Andrea L. Stangl,  
Attorney-in-fact for

02/23/2006

\*\*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).

Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 43 shares of First Midwest common stock under the  
(1) First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 18, 2005.

Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 3,305 shares of First Midwest common stock pursuant  
(2) to the dividend reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Qualified Gain Deferral Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated January 17, 2006.

Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 2,367 shares of First Midwest common stock pursuant  
(3) to the dividend reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated January 24, 2006.

Between September 10, 2005 and February 23, 2006 the reporting person acquired 687 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. common  
(4) stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Savings and Profit Sharing Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated February 23, 2006.

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