

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 5

March 05, 2003

- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Leep, Bruce E.
3106 Condit
Highland, IN 46322
- 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
307-38-1303
- 4. Statement for Month/Year
12/2001
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director () 10% Owner
() Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Yea
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Common Stock

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