FIRST BANCORP /NC/

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See Instruction
1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Addre ARNOLD JERI	*	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) 678 BISCOE RO	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004	(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)				
TROY, NCÂ	27371			_X_ 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) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common	06/25/2004	Â	L	Amount 4.6875	(D)	Price \$ 21.3333	10,629.2785	D	Â	
Common Stock	07/23/2004	Â	L	5.1721	A	\$ 19.3373	10,722.3985	D	Â	
Common Stock	08/25/2004	Â	L	4.6154	A	\$ 21.6667	10,727.0139	D	Â	
Common Stock	09/27/2004	Â	L	4.5801	A	\$ 21.8333	10,731.594	D	Â	
	10/25/2004	Â	L	15.2025	A		10,810.269	D	Â	

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Common Stock						\$ 24.0067			
Common Stock	11/25/2004	Â	L	3.7037	A	\$ 27	10,813.9727	D	Â
Common Stock	12/27/2004	Â	L	3.7383	A	\$ 26.75	10,817.711	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	5,966.7008	I	401K PLAN
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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)		ate	7. Tit Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ARNOLD JERRY M 678 BISCOE ROAD TROY, NC 27371	Â	Â	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Â			

Signatures

Timothy S.

Maples

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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