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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DOTI JAMES L Issuer Symbol First American Financial Corp [FAF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY 03/20/2012 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SANTA ANA, CA 92707 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 03/20/2012 4,102 \$0 34,028.076 $D^{(1)(2)(3)}$ A Α Stock

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	Securitie Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	onNumber Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		E (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.4					12/08/2006	12/08/2015	Common Stock	11,645	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolong of the Fund of Fundament	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DOTI JAMES L 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY	X						
SANTA ANA, CA 92707	21						

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey S. Robinson, attorney-in-fact for James
L. Doti

03/22/2012

**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).
- Includes 1,400 unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs") acquired in a pro rata distribution by The First American Corporation ("FAC") on account of an original grant of 1,731 FAC RSUs, of which 1,741 were unvested at the time of the distribution and shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment. The vesting schedule of the FAC RSUs, vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 3/3/2011, the first anniversary of the grant, has been carried over to the issuer RSUs.
- (2) Includes 2,204 unvested RSUs acquired pursuant to an original grant of 3,247 RSUs and shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment, which vest in three equal annual increments commencing 3/21/12, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Includes 4,102 unvested RSUs, vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 3/20/13, the first anniversary of the grant.

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