

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HOLDING FRANK B JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**PO BOX 29549**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/24/2008**

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

**RALEIGH, NC 27626**  
 (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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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	52,295	D	
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	5,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Spouse
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	1,060	I	As custodian for F.B. Holding III
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	4,744	I	As custodian for B.P.

Stock									Holding	
Class A Common Stock						1,339		I	As custodian for L.R. Holding II	
Class A Common Stock						5,400		I	By trust	
Class B Common Stock	12/24/2008		G	V	300	D	\$ 0	112,358	D	
Class B Common Stock	12/24/2008		G	V	150	A	\$ 0	9,238	I	As custodian for L.R. Holding II
Class B Common Stock								1,225	I	By trust
Class B Common Stock								650 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse
Class B Common Stock								316	I	As custodian for F. B. Holding III
Class B Common Stock	12/24/2008		G	V	150	A	\$ 0	8,193	I	As custodian for B. P. Holding
Class B Common Stock								7,895 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Irrevocable Trust for F. B. Holding III
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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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Nu Deriv Secur
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 5)	Beneficial Ownership Following Reported Transaction (Instr.

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		Other
HOLDING FRANK B JR PO BOX 29549 RALEIGH, NC 27626	X		President and CEO		

## Signatures

Frank B. Holding, Jr., by: William R. Lathan, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/29/2008

\_\_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).

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the (1) reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

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