

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 SPARKS RAY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/19/2005

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

(Street)
 MATTOON, IL 61938

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | | G ⁽²⁾ | 270 A \$ 40.25 | 6,000 | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | 270 D \$ 40.25 | 5,730 | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | 57,682 | I | By Sparks Investment Group |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | | G ⁽²⁾ | 4,040 D \$ 40.25 | 103,308 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,002.034 | I | By Deferred Comp |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | G ⁽²⁾ | 270 | A | \$ 40.25 | 945 | I | By Child |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | G ⁽¹⁾ | 270 | A | \$ 40.25 | 1,215 | I | By Child |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2005 | G ⁽²⁾ | 3,500 | A | \$ 40.25 | 6,100 | I | By The Sparks Foundation |

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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 41 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 12/14/2004 Expiration Date: 12/14/2014 | Common Stock | Amount or Number of Shares: 2,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SPARKS RAY A 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD MATTOON, IL 61938 | | X | | |

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed 09/06/2002

09/20/2005

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).

(1) On September 19, 2005 Debra Sparks gifted 270 shares of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares common stock to her minor child.

(2) On September 19, 2005 Ray Sparks gifted 3,500 shares of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares common stock to The Sparks Foundation: 270 shares to his minor child and 270 shares to his wife.

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