

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP 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 \*  
 ROONEY JOHN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/15/2008

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

ITASCA, IL 60143  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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 Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock under NQ Deferred Comp. Plan	(1)	10/15/2008	A		457 (2)		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	457	\$ 24.078

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROONEY JOHN E ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143			X	

## Signatures

By: Andrea L. Stangl, Attorney-in-fact for John E. Rooney  
Date: 10/17/2008

\_\_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).

(1) Shares of phantom stock acquired pursuant to the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan have a 1-for-1 conversion ratio and are payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's services as a director of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

Between July 18, 2008 and October 17, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 457 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 15, 2008.

(2) Between July 18, 2008 and October 17, 2008, the Reporting Person acquired 136 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment feature under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated October 15, 2008.

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