

FIRST DATA CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2006

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 01/11/2006**

**First Data Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 001-11073**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**47-0731996**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6200 South Quebec Street**  
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(303) 967-8000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Information to be included in the report

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On January 9, 2006 the Board of Directors of First Data Corporation (the "Company") elected David A. Coulter to the Company's Board of Directors. The Company expects that Mr. Coulter will serve on the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Board of Directors. A copy of the January 11, 2006 press release announcing the election of Mr. Coulter is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) The following is a list of the Exhibits furnished herewith.

Exhibit

Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on January 11, 2006.

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**Signature(s)**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Data Corporation

Date: January 11, 2006

By: /s/ Stanley J. Andersen

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Stanley J. Andersen  
Assistant Secretary

**Exhibit Index**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
EX-99.1	