

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 5

March 06, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Posey, Steven C.  
 McDonald's Office  
 1733 S. Breiel  
 Middletown, OH 45044
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
 289-42-9794
4. Statement for Month/Year  
 12/2001
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Yea
Common Stock					1594
Common Stock					1716
Common Stock	04/03/2001	03/05/2003	J 4		