

FIRST AMERICAN CORP
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KENNEDY DONALD PARKER
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]

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

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 06/25/2004 | Â | G | 20,000 D \$ 0 | 2,028,283 | I | By Limited Partnership (1) |
| Common Stock | 07/01/2004 | Â | G | 57,944 D \$ 0 | 1,970,339 | I | By Limited Partnership (1) |
| Common Stock | 12/24/2004 | Â | G | 6,900 D \$ 0 | 1,963,439 | I | By Limited Partnership (1) |

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 3,465 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 22,545 | I | By Spouse via Limited Partnership |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.694 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 04/24/1997 ⁽²⁾ 04/24/2006 | Common Stock 2,205 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.583 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 04/23/1999 ⁽³⁾ 04/23/2008 | Common Stock 30,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.75 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 02/24/2001 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/24/2010 | Common Stock 10,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 12/14/2001 ⁽⁵⁾ 12/14/2010 | Common Stock 10,000 |
| Employee Stock | \$ 18.08 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 12/13/2002 ⁽⁶⁾ 12/13/2011 | Common Stock 10,000 |

Option
(right to
buy)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KENNEDY DONALD PARKER 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707 | X | A | A Chairman of the Board | A |

Signatures

By: Kathleen M. Collins, Attorney In
Fact for 02/14/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Amount shown reflects the distribution of 406 shares allocated to my account in issuer's 401(k) trust in a transaction exempt under rules 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B), 16a-13 and 16b-3(c).
- (2) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/24/97, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (3) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/24/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (5) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/14/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/13/02, the first anniversary of the grant.

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