#### FIRST BANCORP /NC/

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

SAMUELS	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]					S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 656			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/12/2004						(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
WEST ENI	(Street)  O, NC 27376		4. If Ame Filed(Mon		<u></u>	te Origina	1		6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by ! Person	•	erson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securin(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/12/2004			P	V	65	A	\$ 35.55	71,312	D	
Common									22,442	I	SPOUSE

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)

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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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.05					06/01/2002	06/01/2012	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 24					06/01/2001	06/01/2011	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 25.95					06/01/2003	06/01/2013	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 29.53					06/01/2004	06/01/2014	Common Stock	1,500	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>F</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SAMUELS WILLIAM E JR							
P.O. BOX 656	X						
WEST END, NC 27376							
Signatures							

Timothy S. 10/15/2004 Maples

\*\*Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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