

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HOLDING FRANK B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**POST OFFICE BOX 1377**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/15/2004**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice Chairman**

**SMITHFIELD, NC 27577**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		Price
Class A Common Stock					1,632,823	D	
Class A Common Stock					241,155 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class A Common Stock					26,430 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By trust for adult children
					8,110 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	

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Class A Common Stock								By Twin States Farming
Class A Common Stock						167,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc.
Class A Common Stock						28,628 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By The Heritage Bank
Class A Common Stock						100,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Fidelity BancShares (N.C.), Inc.
Class A Common Stock						27,584 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Southern BancShares, Inc.
Class A Common Stock						46,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Southern Bank and Trust Company
Class A Common Stock						54,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Goshen, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	12/15/2004	P	1,000	A	\$ 147.75	5,463 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Spouse
Class B Common Stock						547,203 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class B Common Stock						45,900 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc.
Class B Common Stock						22,219 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc.
Class B Common Stock						6,175 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By trust for adult children
Class B Common Stock						1,225 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Twin States Farming, Inc.



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The reporting person is a director, officer and/or principal shareholder of the companies that own these shares, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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