

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 SPARKS RAY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/28/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MATTOON, IL 61938

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					5,730	I	By Wife		
Common Stock					57,682	I	By Sparks Investment Group		
Common Stock					107,348	D			
Common Stock	01/07/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	66.555	A	\$ 41 11,436.302	I	By Deferred Comp
Common Stock	02/28/2005		P		136.905	A	\$ 40.55 11,573.207	I	By Deferred Comp

Common Stock	675	I	By Child
Common Stock	2,600	I	By The Sparks Foundation

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)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Stock Option	\$ 41					12/14/2004	12/14/2014	Common Stock	2,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPARKS RAY A 30 S COUNTY CLUB ROAD MATTOON, IL 61938		X		

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed  
09/06/2002

03/01/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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) Shares acquired through the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan with dividends paid on shares of common stock held.

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