#### RUCKRIEGEL ROBERT L

Form 4

October 20, 2004

### FORM 4

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

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

response...

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

| RUCKRIEGEL ROBERT L Symb                     |                                    |               | Symbol   | z. Issuer Name and Ticker of Trading mbol ERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP |     |   |        | :   | Issuer  |  |   |  |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|--|--|-----|---|--------|---|---|--|---|--|
| [GABC]                                       |                                    |               |  |  |     |   |        |   | (Check all applicable)  |  |   |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/Da |                                    |               | Earliest Transaction                                 |  |     |   |        | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify |   |  |   |  |
| 14 KEYSTO                                    | ONE CT                             |               | 09/15/20   | 004  |     |   |        |   | below) below)   |  |   |  |
|  | (Street)                           |               | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |  |     |   |        |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |   |  |
| JASPER, IN                                   | 1 47546                            |               |  |  |     |   |        |   | Person  |  |   |  |
| (City)                                       | (State)                            | (Zip)         | Table  | e I - No   | n-D | erivative Sec                           | curiti | es Acqu   | ired, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall   | ly Owned  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)         | 2. Transaction D<br>(Month/Day/Yea | ar) Execution | emed<br>on Date, if<br>/Day/Year)                    | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code<br>(Instr.                                  | 8)  | 4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 | osed   | of (D)  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                      | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                              | 09/02/2004                         |               |  | J(2)   | v   | 153,762                                 | D      | (2)   | 179,648.2154<br>(1)   | I  | Mr.<br>Ruckriegel's<br>Limited<br>Partnerships                    |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                              | 09/02/2004                         |               |  | J(2)   | V   | 48,435                                  | A      | (2)   | 110,792.6188<br>(1)   | D  |   |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                              | 09/02/2004                         |               |  | J(2)   | V   | 46,735                                  | A      | (2)   | 47,354.0797<br>(1)  | I  | Mr.<br>Ruckriegel's<br>spouse                                     |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                              | 09/02/2004                         |               |  | J(2)   | V   | 28,446                                  | A      | <u>(2)</u>  | 28,446  | I  | Mr.<br>Ruckriegel's   |  |

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|                 |            |            |                |         |   |            |                    |   | 2003 GRAT   |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------|---|------------|--------------------|---|---|
| COMMON<br>STOCK | 09/02/2004 |            | J <u>(2)</u> V | 28,446  | A | <u>(2)</u> | 28,446             | I | Mr.<br>Ruckriegel's<br>Spouse's<br>2003 GRAT      |
| COMMON<br>STOCK | 09/02/2004 |            | J <u>(2)</u> V | 1,700   | A | (2)        | 1,700              | I | Mr.<br>Ruckriegel's<br>Spouse's<br>5-1-98<br>GRAT |
| COMMON<br>STOCK | 09/15/2004 | 09/17/2004 | P              | 28.4091 | A | \$<br>17.6 | 396,415.323<br>(3) | D |   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>orNumber<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or | <b>.</b>            | ate                | 7. Titl<br>Amou<br>Under<br>Secur<br>(Instr. | ınt of<br>rlying   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |                                       | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,   |                     |                    |  |                    |   | Trans<br>(Instr  |
|   |   |   |                                       | 4, and 5)  |                     |                    |  | Amount             |   |  |
|   |   |   |                                       |  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | or<br>Number<br>of |   |  |
|   |   |   | Code V                                | (A) (D)  |                     |                    |  | Shares             |   |  |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |
| RUCKRIEGEL ROBERT L<br>14 KEYSTONE CT<br>JASPER, IN 47546 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |

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## **Signatures**

MARK A SCHROEDER POA FOR ROBERT L RUCKRIEGEL

10/20/2004

\*\*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) Includes shares acquired pursuant to German American Bancorp's Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- Transfer of shares from Ruckriegel Associates # 1 LP, a limited partnership of which Mr. Ruckriegel and his spouse are the sole partners to Mr. Ruckriegel, his 2003 GRAT, Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse and her 2003 GRAT and her 5-1-98 GRAT.
- Column 5 includes 47,354.0797 shares owned by Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse, 179,648.2154 shares held by limited partnerships controlled
- (3) by Mr. Ruckriegel and his spouse, 28,446 shares held by Mr. Ruckriegel in a 2003 GRAT, 28,446 shares held by Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse in a 2003 GRAT, and 1,700 shares held by Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse in a 5-1-98 GRAT.

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