FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 8-K July 27, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of Report: July 26, 2005 FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio	0-12379	31-1042001
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification
		No.)

300 High Street
Hamilton, Ohio45011(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (513) 867-5447Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of

the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The executive officers of First Financial Bancorp intend to use the materials filed herewith, in whole or in part, in one or more meetings with investors and analysts. A copy of the investor presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. First Financial Bancorp does not intend for this Item 7.01 or Exhibit 99.1 to be treated as filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or incorporated by reference into its filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 Exhibits.

The following exhibit shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(c) Exhibit:

99.1 First Financial Bancorp. Investor Presentation.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ J. Franklin Hall J. Franklin Hall Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 26, 2005

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