FIRST BANCORP /NC/

Form 4

January 03, 2012

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ocheltree Jerry L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	()		
24 OXTON CIRCLE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2011	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (special below) President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
PINEHURST, NC 28374			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed 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	12/30/2011		M	5,142	A	<u>(1)</u>	24,035.6526	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2011		F	1,913	D	\$ 11.15	22,122.6526	D	
Common							0.247.7722	т	4011 DI

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	tionof Derivative Ex Securities (M		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/30/2011		M		5,142	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2011	Common Stock	5,142

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

Ocheltree Jerry L 24 OXTON CIRCLE PINEHURST, NC 28374

President

Signatures

/s/ Timothy S. Maples, Attorney-in-fact

01/03/2012

**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) Each performance unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of First Bancorp common stock. The performance rights vest if the recipient remains employed with the Company and otherwise eligible to receive the shares on December 31, 2011.

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