#### FIRST BANCORP /NC/

Form 4

November 23, 2005

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TAWS EDWARD T JR			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)	(Mi	iddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/23/2005			_X_ Director Officer (giv	10% Owner				
(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 Person		
(City)	(State)	(2	Zip)	Table	I - Noi	n-De	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		any					4. Securin Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o l 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	11/11/2005				Code	V V	Amount 75	(D)	Price \$ 0	3,650	D	
Common Stock										8,676.5	I	SPOUSE

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)

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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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)		Num of Deriv Secu Acqu A) o	vative rities ired or cosed o) :. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Prio Deriv Secur (Instr.
				Code V	7 (	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.5553							06/01/1996	06/01/2006	Common Stock	900	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.222							06/01/1997	06/01/2007	Common Stock	1,650	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.5							06/01/2000	06/01/2010	Common Stock	2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.1113							06/01/1999	06/01/2009	Common Stock	2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.6667							06/01/1998	06/01/2008	Common Stock	2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.3667							06/01/2002	06/01/2012	Common Stock	2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16							06/01/2001	06/01/2011	Common Stock	2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3							06/01/2003	06/01/2013	Common Stock	2,250	

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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.6867	06/01/2004	06/01/2014	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.12	06/28/2005	06/28/2015	Common Stock	2,250

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
TAWS EDWARD T JR								
	X							

## **Signatures**

Timothy S.
Maples

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Timothy S.

11/23/2005

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).

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