

FIRST BANCORP /NC/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MCLAURIN LEE C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1412 RIDGE STREET  
(Street)  
ALBEMARLE, NC 28001  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/26/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	10/26/2004		S		500	D	\$ 36.95
Common Stock	10/26/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>		270.2703	D	\$ 37
					852.4135	I	401K PLAN

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. Priority of Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.5					10/22/1997	10/22/2007	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.99					07/25/2002	07/25/2011	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32.55					04/01/2004	04/01/2014	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCLAURIN LEE C 1412 RIDGE STREET ALBEMARLE, NC 28001			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

Timothy S. Maples  
 10/27/2004  
 \*\*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).

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(1) 401(k) divestiture of company stock - redistributed among investment funds.

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