FIRST AMERICAN CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST AMERICAN CORP [FAF] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| e) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2009 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (spec below) Business Segment President | | | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-I | Derivative : | Securi | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|------------------|-------------|---|------------------|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | tr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Directory Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2009 | | A | 23,507 | A | \$ 0 | 62,300 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2009 | | F(1) | 1,363 | D | \$ 22.25 | 60,937 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/05/2009 | | F(1) | 976 | D | \$ 19.87 | 59,961 | D (2) (3) (4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 5,080.891 | I | By 401(k) Plan Trust |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 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) | 5. conNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | Expiration Date | | 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 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 30.8 | | | | | 12/14/2001(6) | 12/14/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.2 | | | | | 12/13/2002(7) | 12/13/2011 | Common Stock | 20,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.1 | | | | | 07/23/2003(8) | 07/23/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.85 | | | | | 02/27/2004(9) | 02/27/2013 | Common Stock | 50,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 30.56 | | | | | 02/26/2005(10) | 02/26/2014 | Common Stock | 50,000 | |
| Employee Stock | \$ 36.55 | | | | | 02/28/2006(11) | 02/28/2015 | Common Stock | 50,000 | |

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Option (Right to

Buy)
Employee

Stock Option

(Right to Buy)

\$ 47.49

12/08/2006(12) 12/08/2015

Common Stock

ck 50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SANDO BARRY M 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY WESTLAKE, TX 76262

Business Segment President

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney-in-Fact for Barry M. Sando

03/06/2009

**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) Payment of tax liability by withholding securities incident to the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) Includes 23,507 shares acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commending 3/4/10, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Includes 18,934 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 22,848 restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commending 3/4/09, the first anniversary of the grant.
- Includes 9,645 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 15,211 restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 3/5/08, the first anniversary of the grant.
- Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent account statement in transactions exempt under rules

 [5] 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B) and 16b-3(c). In addition, includes shares formerly reported as held for my account in the Employee Profit Sharing and
- 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B) and 16b-3(c). In addition, includes shares formerly reported as held for my account in the Employee Profit Sharing and Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which has been merged into the 401(k) Savings Plan.
- (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/14/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (7) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/13/02, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (8) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 7/23/03, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (9) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/27/04, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (10) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/26/05, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (11) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/28/06, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (12) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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