

FIRST BANCORP /NC/  
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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 \*  
**TAWS EDWARD T JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P. O. BOX 177

(Street)

SOUTHERN PINES, NC 28388

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/08/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/08/2005		G	V 450 D \$ 0	6,555	D	
Common Stock					8,677.5	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. 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. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (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

