

FIRST BANCORP /NC/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2006

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

(Street)

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M	900 A	\$ 6.5553 4,550	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. 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. P Der Sec (Ins	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.6867					06/01/2004	06/01/2014	Common Stock	2,250
	\$ 22.12					06/28/2005	06/28/2015		2,250

Stock
Options
(Right to
buy)

Common
Stock

Stock
Options
(Right to
buy)

\$ 6.5553

02/23/2006

M

900

06/01/1996

06/01/2006

Common
Stock

900

\$ 6

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Timothy S.
Maples

02/24/2006

**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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