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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strausbaugh Samuel S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP [FDEF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 601 CLINTON	(First) ST.	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2016	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
DEFIANCE, O	(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		
DLI IANCE, OII 43312				Person		

(City)	(State) (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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Shares	03/16/2016		M	2,000	A	\$ 27.41	11,683 (2)	D	
Common Shares	03/16/2016		M	400	A	\$ 17.64	12,083 (2)	D	
Common Shares	03/16/2016		M	400	A	\$ 9.22	12,483 (2)	D	
Common Shares	03/16/2016		F	600	D	\$ 49.94	11,883 (2)	D	

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. Transactic 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.41	03/16/2016		M	2,000	04/16/2008(1)	04/16/2017	Common Shares	2,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.64	03/16/2016		M	400	04/21/2009(1)	04/21/2018	Common Shares	400
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.22	03/16/2016		M	400	04/20/2010(1)	04/20/2019	Common Shares	400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Strausbaugh Samuel S	37						
601 CLINTON ST.	X						
DEFIANCE, OH 43512							

Signatures

/s/ Samuel S. Strausbaugh by Kevin T. Thompson, P.O.A.

03/20/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- Options vest 20% per year on the anniversary date of the grant. Options with an exercise price of \$9.22 will fully vested on 04/20/2014,
- (1) options with an exercise price of \$17.64 fully vested on 04/21/2013, and options with an exercise price of \$27.41 fully vested on 04/16/2012.
- (2) The ending balance differs from amounts previously reported because of shares acquired under a dividend reinvestment plan.

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