

Rose Dennis E Jr
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Rose Dennis E Jr

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) (First) (Middle)
 601 CLINTON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

DEFIANCE, OH 43512
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	02/22/2019		A	(A) or (D) V Amount Price 2,425 \$ 0 (1)	33,578.4116 (2)	D	
Common Shares	02/22/2019		F	716 D \$ 30.25	32,862.4116 (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. 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rose Dennis E Jr 601 CLINTON STREET DEFIANCE, OH 43512			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Dennis E. Rose, Jr. by Kevin T. Thompson
P.O.A
02/26/2019

__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).
Represents common shares issued under the First Defiance Financial Corp. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan. The common shares were earned
- (1) in connection with the settlement of performance-based restricted stock units previously granted in 2016 pursuant to a 2016 Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement.
- (2) On July 13, 2018, the issuer split its common shares 2-for-1. As a result, the 15,576.7058 common shares reported on the reporting person's Form 4 filed on February 23, 2018 were split into 31,153.4116 common shares.

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