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Form 8-K October 15, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 14, 2004

First Defiance Financial Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 0-26850 34-1803915

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

601 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (419) 782-5015

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On October 14, 2004, the Registrant announced that it had resolved the contingent liability related to the 2002 sale of its Leader Mortgage Company subsidiary. After considering contingency reserves already recorded by the Registrant, the settlement will result in a pretax charge for the Registrant of \$1.9 million which will be recorded in the 2004 third quarter. After tax, the charge amounts to \$1.25 million or \$0.20 per share. The Registrant issued a press release announcing the charge on October 14, 2004, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Financial Statements of businesses acquired. Not Applicable
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not Applicable
- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Press Release, dated October 14, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Defiance Financial Corp.

By: /s/ John C. Wahl

John C. Wahl Executive Vice President/ Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 15, 2004