

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 SMALL WILLIAM J

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 ST.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/11/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President and CEO

DEFIANCE, OH 43512

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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	07/11/2006		F	14,712 D	\$ 26.13 75,666 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	07/11/2006		M	37,323 A	\$ 10.375 112,989	D	
Common Stock					15,757	I	By ESOP

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 26.47					05/22/2007 05/21/2016	Common Stock 1,000
Stock Options	\$ 25.89					04/19/2006 04/18/2015	Common Stock 1,000
Stock Options	\$ 27.13					04/19/2005 04/20/2013	Common Stock 1,000
Stock Options	\$ 19.53					04/21/2004 04/20/2013	Common Stock 1,000
Stock Options	\$ 10.375	07/11/2006		X	37,323	07/15/1997 07/14/2006	Common Stock 37,323

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMALL WILLIAM J 601 CLINTON ST. DEFIANCE, OH 43512	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ William J.
Small 07/12/2006

**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).

(1) Balance differs slightly from previously reported balance because of Employee Stock Purchase Plan purchases

Remarks:

Note - Options listed above with \$19.53 exercise price vest at 20% per year through 4/21/08. Options listed above with \$27.13 exercise price vest at 20% per year through 4/19/09. Options listed above with \$25.89 exercise price vest at 20% per year through 4/19/10. Options listed above with \$16.47 exercise price vest at 20% per year through 5/22/11.

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