

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOLDING FRANK B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
POST OFFICE BOX 1377
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2005

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

SMITHFIELD, NC 27577
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	1,632,823	D	
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	240,885 ⁽¹⁾	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	26,430 ⁽¹⁾	I	By trust for adult children
				(A) or (D)	8,110 ⁽²⁾	I	

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Class A Common Stock			By Twin States Farming
Class A Common Stock	167,600 <u>(2)</u>	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	28,628 <u>(2)</u>	I	By The Heritage Bank
Class A Common Stock	100,000 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Fidelity BancShares (N.C.), Inc.
Class A Common Stock	27,584 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Southern BancShares, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	46,000 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Southern Bank and Trust Company
Class A Common Stock	54,000 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Goshen, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	6,382 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Spouse
Class B Common Stock	547,313 <u>(1)</u>	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class B Common Stock	45,900 <u>(2)</u>	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	22,219 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc.
Class B Common Stock	6,175 <u>(1)</u>	I	By trust for adult children
Class B Common Stock	1,225 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Twin States Farming, Inc.

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The reporting person is a director, officer and/or principal shareholder of the companies that own these shares, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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