FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

GAFFNEY BROTHER JAMES

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify

ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 (Street)

02/21/2007

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Code (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise Securities any

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative (A) or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (D) Date Code V (A) Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Non-Qualified

Stock Option \$ 38.62 02/21/2007 A 2,626 02/21/2008 02/21/2017 Common Stock Option (right to buy)

Amo

2,6

or Num of Share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GAFFNEY BROTHER JAMES
ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 X
ITASCA, IL 60143

Signatures

By: Andrea L. Stangl, Attorney-in-fact

02/23/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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