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Form 4

October 09, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Leep, Bruce E.
 3106 Condit
 Highland, IN 46322
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 307-38-1303
4. Statement for Month/Year
 10/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owe End Mont
		Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price
Common Stock						264217
Common Stock						208727
Common Stock						0
Common Stock						73
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/07/2002	P		140	A	\$18.2500 1931

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	tion Code	Acquired (A) Disposed (D)	Number of Derivative Securities	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities or Number of Shares

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1999 (NQ)	\$19.2641	08/24/2009	Common
Stock Option			Stock
2001 (NQ)	\$15.6	04/24/2011	Common
Stock Option			Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE
10/07/2002