Menendez Cortada Jose Form 4 February 12, 2009

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Menendez Cortada Jose			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer		
			FIRST BANCORP /PR/ [fbp]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
P O BOX 9146			(Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2009	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (special below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SAN JUAN,	PR 00908-	0146		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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)
First BanCorp Common Stock	02/12/2009		P	5,000	A	\$ 5.0768 (1)	34,896 (2)	D	
First BanCorp Common Stock							550	I	See Footnote (3)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc			le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	iofNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Secur	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolong of the Fund of Fundament	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Menendez Cortada Jose P O BOX 9146	X						
SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146							

### **Signatures**

/s/ Jose Menendez Cortada 02/12/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

#### **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).
- This amount represents the weighted average purchase price for the transactions reported on this line, which prices range from \$5.00 to (1) \$5.08. Upon written request by SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price may be provided.
- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock grants: 1,342 vests on December 1, 2009, 1,342 vest on December 1, 2010, and 1343 vest on December 1, 2011.
- (3) Indirect ownership through Martinez-Alvarez, Menendez-Cortada & Lefranc-Romero, PSC which Mr. Menendez-Cortada is an inderect beneficial owner.

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