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Form 4

January 29, 2003

- Name and Address of Reporting Person TAYLOR, FREDERICK H. P. O. BOX 748
 - TROY, NC 27371
- Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCORP (FBNC)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year 1/2003
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 - (X) Director () 10% Owner
 - () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 - (X) 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

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1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/	Code 		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		(D)	5. Amou Secu Bene Owne End -+ Mont
 	Day/ Year)	Code -+	V -+	Amount -+	A/D +	Price -+	
Common Stock Common Stock Common Stock Common Stock	01/28/2003	3 S		-77739	D	\$23.5750	70681 42798 0 6.1163

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

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	1			1			1		1
							1		
	1						Title a	nd Amount	1
	1			1			of Unde	rlying	1
	Conver-			Number of			Securit	ies	1
	sion or	l		Derivative	Date Exerc	isable	+	+	+
	Exercise			Securities	and Expira	tion Date		Amount	1
	Price of	Transac-	Transac-	Acquired(A)	(Month/Day	/Year)	1	or	1
Title of	Deriv-	tion Date	tion Code	Disposed(D)	+	+	+	Number	P
Derivative	ative	(Month/	+	+	+Date Exer-	Expira-	1	of	D
Security	Security	Day/Year)	Code V	(A) (D)	cisable	tion Date	Title	Shares	S
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+-

Stock Options \$6.667 (Right to buy) Stock Options \$7.25 06/01/2004 Common Stock 06/01/2005 Common

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(Right to buy)			Stock
Stock Options	\$9.833	06/01/2006	Common
(Right to buy)			Stock
Stock Options	\$15.333	06/01/2007	Common
(Right to buy)			Stock
Stock Options	\$15.75	06/01/2010	Common
(Right to buy)			Stock
Stock Options	\$16.667	06/01/2009	Common
(Right to buy)			Stock
Stock Options	\$22	06/01/2008	Common
(Right to buy)			Stock
Stock Options	\$23.05	06/01/2012	Common
(Right to buy)			Stock
Stock Options	\$24	06/01/2011	Common
(Right to buy)			Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ FREDERICK H. TAYLOR

DATE 01/29/2003