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#### March 11, 2003

- Name and Address of Reporting Person ARNOLD, JERRY M.
   678 BISCOE ROAD 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 3/2003
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
  - ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner
  - (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
- 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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	Year)	acti   Code     	on +		sed of +	(D) +  Price	5. Amou   Secu   Bene   Owne   End + Mont
Common Stock Common Stock Common Stock	01/24/2003 02/25/2003	I	V V	4.273 3.9683	+ A A	\$23.4000 \$25.2000	945.635 3342

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

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	1				I		
		1			1		
1		1			1	Title a	and Amount
	1				I	of Unde	erlying
	Conver-	1		Number of	I	Securit	ies
	sion or	1		Derivative	Date Exercisable	+	-++
1	Exercise			Securities	and Expiration Date		Amount
	Price of	Transac-	Transac-	Acquired(A)	(Month/Day/Year)	1	or
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 \$7.083 (Right to buy)

12/14/2004 Common Stock

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Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ JERRY M. ARNOLD

DATE 03/11/2003