

REYNOLDS PAUL L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**REYNOLDS PAUL L**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA**  
  
(Street)  
  
**CINCINNATI, OH 45263**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/15/2004**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP, Secretary & GC**

6. 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	12/15/2004		M		28,013	A	\$ 22.7037
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S		13,530	D	\$ 47.22
					46,652	D	
					33,122	D	

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option to Purchase	\$ 22.7037	12/15/2004		M	28,013	05/08/1997 <sup>(1)</sup> 05/08/2007	Common Stock 28,013

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REYNOLDS PAUL L 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI, OH 45263			Executive VP, Secretary & GC	

## Signatures

Paul L.  
Reynolds 12/17/2004

            
\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

                    Date

## 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).
- (1) Indicates grant date. Options are exercisable as follows: 25% on grant date; 50% one year from grant; 75% two years from grant; and 100% three years from grant.
- (2) Issued pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp Stock Option Plan. No consideration paid.
- (3) Includes total number of unexercised option grants previously reported.

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