

PIERCE DENNIS L
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FORM 4

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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 *
PIERCE DENNIS L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/
[FBMS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
23 LIBERTY PLACE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/05/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

HATTIESBURG, MS 39402

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 03/05/2007 | | X | 6,562 A \$ 5 | 55,932 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 03/05/2007 | | X | 2,338 A \$ 7.5 | 58,270 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| COMMON STOCK OPTIONS 1997 PLAN | \$ 5 | 03/05/2007 | | X | 6,562 | <u>(1)</u> 03/18/2007 | COMMON STOCK | 6,562 |
| COMMON STOCK OPTIONS 1999 PLAN | \$ 7.5 | 03/05/2007 | | X | 2,338 | <u>(3)</u> 04/15/2009 | COMMON STOCK | 2,338 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PIERCE DENNIS L 23 LIBERTY PLACE HATTIESBURG, MS 39402 | | X | | |

Signatures

DENNIS L
PIERCE

03/06/2007

**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) The option vested in three equal installments on March 18, 1998, March 18, 1999, and March 18, 2000.

(2) Derivative securities under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan

(3) The option vested in three equal installments on April 15, 2000, April 15, 2001, and April 15, 2002.

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