

FIRST AMERICAN CORP  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SANDO BARRY M**  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]**

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

**1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY**  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2004**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President-Mortgage Info Segmnt

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

**SANTA ANA, CA 92707**

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A)	or	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	7,141	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	3,188.642	I	By 401(k) Plan Trust (1)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	610.079	I	By ESOP Trust (2)

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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Director Stock (right to buy)	\$ 23.583	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	04/23/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/23/2008	Common Stock	22,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.75	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/24/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/24/2010	Common Stock	8,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/14/2001 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/14/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.08	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/13/2002 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/13/2011	Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	07/23/2003 <sup>(7)</sup>	07/23/2012	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.85	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	02/27/2004 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/27/2013	Common Stock	50,000

Employee

Stock

Option \$ 30.56     ^     ^     ^     ^     ^     ^     02/26/2005<sup>(9)</sup>     02/26/2014     Common Stock     50,000  
 (right to buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		Other
SANDO BARRY M 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707	^	^	^	President-Mortgage Info Segmnt	^

## Signatures

By: Kathleen M. Collins,  
 Attorney-in-fact for     02/09/2005

\_\_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) Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent account statement in transactions exempt under rules 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B) and 16b-3(c).
  - (2) Amount shown consists of shares allocated to my account in previous years and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid on such previously allocated shares, as reported in most recent account statement.
  - (3) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/24/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (5) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/14/01, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/13/02, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (7) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 7/23/03, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (8) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/27/04, the first anniversary of the grant.
  - (9) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 2/26/05, the first anniversary of the grant.

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