

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

May 23, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 23, 2006

**First Albany Companies Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

0-14140  
(Commission File Number)

22-2655804  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**677 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207**

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (518) 447-8500

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On May 23, 2006, FA Technology Ventures Corp., a subsidiary of First Albany Companies Inc. (the Company), issued a press release announcing the intended disposition of one of its portfolio companies, Softricity, Inc. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Form 8-K as exhibit 99.1.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of First Albany Companies Inc. dated May 23, 2006

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

By:/s/ Alan P. Goldberg

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Name: Alan P. Goldberg  
Title: President and Chief  
Executive Officer

Date: May 23, 2006