

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
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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 \*  
SUTHERLAND THOMAS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [FBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
302 EAST SOUTH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/21/2008

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

OZARK, MO 65721

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
common stock	01/21/2008		J(1)		23,226.1215	D	adult child
common stock					1,354.6214	D	
common stock					407.3065	I	wife's IRA
common stock					509.655	I	as trustee

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
stock options	\$ 17.5			Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable: 02/22/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date: 02/22/2016	Common stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SUTHERLAND THOMAS M 302 EAST SOUTH STREET OZARK, MO 65721		X		

## Signatures

/s/Thomas M. Sutherland 01/22/2008  
 \*\*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) Reduction due to an adult child of Thomas M. Sutherland no longer living in the household. Shares are owned by the adult child no longer living in the household.
- (2) vesting 20.00% per year for 5 years

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