#### FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 4

February 29, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SUTHERLAND THOMAS M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MO/					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
			[FBSI]	[FBSI]				(Check an applicable)			
(Last) 302 EAST	(First) SOUTH STRE	(Middle) ET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/29/2008				XDirector10% OwnerOther (specify below)				
(Street)								6 Individual on Joint/Crown Filips/Charle			
	` '			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
OZARK, MO 65721							_X_Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Do (Month/Day/Yea	er) Execution any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4	osed c	of (D)	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)	
common stock								1,354.6214	D		
common stock	02/29/2008			P	593	A	\$ 16.4	1,000.3065	I	wife's IRA	
common stock	02/29/2008			J <u>(1)</u>	509.655 (1)	D	\$ 0	0	I	as trustee	

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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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Number Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 II S (
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
stock options	\$ 17.5				02/22/2007(2)	02/22/2016	Common stock	1,000	

### **Reporting Owners**

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

# **Signatures**

Person

/s/Thomas M.
Sutherland

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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) Transfer of shares held as trustee to the personal account of an adult child not living in the household
- (2) Vesting 20.00% per year for 5 years

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