

FIRST BANCORP /PR/
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FORM 4

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*
BEAUCHAMP LUIS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/24/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

[X] Director [ ] 10% Owner
[X] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person
[ ] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned, 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I), 7. Nature of Ownership. Includes sub-headers for Code, V, Amount, and Price.

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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities.

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Option to buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 12.68	01/24/2006	A	350,000					01/24/2006	01/24/2016	Common Stock	350,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEAUCHAMP LUIS	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/Luis  
 Beauchamp 03/14/2006  
 \*\*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) Under employee stock option plan

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