

CHATHAM J DAVID  
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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 \*  
CHATHAM J DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY

(Street)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST AMERICAN CORP [FAF]

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

03/04/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/04/2009		A		2,489	A	\$ 0
							6,336.842
							D (1) (2) (3) (4)
Common Stock	03/04/2009		M		6,750	A	\$ 17.25
							13,086.842
							D (1) (2) (3) (4)
Common Stock	03/04/2009		S		6,750	D	\$ 22.35
							(5)
							6,336.842
							D (1) (2) (3) (4)
Common Stock							26,968.854
							I
							By Spouse (6)

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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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. An or Nu of Sh
Nonemployee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.25	03/04/2009		M	6,750	08/31/1999 <sup>(7)</sup> 06/23/2009	Common Stock	6
Nonemployee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.49					12/08/2006 <sup>(8)</sup> 12/08/2015	Common Stock	5

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHATHAM J DAVID 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707			X	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney-in-Fact for J. David  
Chatham

03/05/2009

\*\*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) Includes 2,489 shares acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 3/4/10, the first anniversary of the grant.

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- (2) Includes 1,755 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 1,707 restricted stock units vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 6/20/09, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Includes 370 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 1,049 restricted stock units vesting in three equal annual increments commencing 3/5/08, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (4) Includes 1.842 shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent statement of account.  
The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$22.32 to \$22.42, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to The First American Corporation, any security holder of The First American Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (5) Includes 325.779 shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent statement of account.
- (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 8/31/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (7) The option vested on 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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