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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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) July 26, 2005

First Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| North Carolina | 0-15572 | 56-1421916 |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

341 North Main Street
Troy, North Carolina 27371

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip Code)

(910) 576-6171

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Address, if changed from last report)

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Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

- (a) On July 26, 2005, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of First Bancorp ("Registrant") dismissed KPMG LLP ("KPMG") as principal accountants for the Registrant, effective upon the completion of their review of the Registrant's interim financial statements as of and for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2005. The audit committee of Registrant approved the dismissal of KPMG.

The audit reports of KPMG on the consolidated financial statements of Registrant as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. The audit reports of KPMG on management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

In connection with the audits for the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2004, and the subsequent interim period through August 1, 2005, (i) Registrant had no disagreements with KPMG on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements if not resolved to the satisfaction of KPMG, would have caused KPMG to make reference in connection with their opinion to the subject matter of the disagreement, and (ii) there were no reportable events (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

A letter from KPMG is attached hereto as Exhibit 16.

- (b) On July 26, 2005, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Registrant approved the engagement of Elliot Davis, LLC as the new independent registered public auditor of Registrant, effective immediately after the filing of Registrant's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2005.

During the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and through the date hereof, Registrant has not consulted with Elliot Davis, LLC regarding any

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of the matters or reportable events set forth in Items 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

1. Exhibit 16 - Letter from KPMG LLP dated August 1, 2005

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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.

Date: August 1, 2005

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By: /s/ James H. Garner
Name: James H. Garner
Title: President & Chief Executive Officer

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| Exhibit 16 | Letter from KPMG LLP to the Securities and Exchange Commission dated August 1, 2005 |

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