

FIRST BANCTRUST CORP  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS  
UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

**Commission File Number 0-32535  
First BancTrust Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
101 South Central Avenue, Paris, Illinois 61944 (217) 465-6381

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)  
Common Stock

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)  
None

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)  
Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend  
the duty to file reports:

- Rule 12g-4(a)(1)
- Rule 12g-4(a)(2)
- Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)
- Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)
- Rule 15d-6

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: 208

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 First BancTrust Corporation has caused this  
certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: November 3, 2008

By: /s/ Terry J. Howard  
Terry J. Howard, President and CEO

Instruction: This form is required by Rules 12g-4, 12h-3 and 15d-6 of the General Rules and Regulations under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The registrant shall file with the Commission three copies of Form 15, one of which

shall be manually signed. It may be signed by an officer of the registrant, by counsel or by any other duly authorized person. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed under the signature.

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