

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/

Form 4

March 26, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COLE M RAY JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8 AUBURN LANE

(Street)

HATTIESBURG, MS 39401

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/
[FBMS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/01/2015

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)

PRESIDENT AND CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/01/2015		A	8,814 A	\$ 0 57,240	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2015		F	1,966 D	\$ 55,274 ^{(2) (3)} 14.13 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

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)

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 Acquired (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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
COLE M RAY JR 8 AUBURN LANE HATTIESBURG, MS 39401	X PRESIDENT AND CEO

Signatures

M. Ray Cole, Jr. 03/26/2015

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted stock grant, subject to forfeiture, vesting on 2-1-2020.

Includes 3,548 shares of restricted stock (remaining after 1,966 shares were surrendered for taxes) that were granted on 3-1-12 and vested on 3-1-15, but remain subject to delivery restrictions pursuant to the Company's participation in the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Includes 2,161 shares of restricted stock (remaining after 692 shares were surrendered for taxes) that were granted on 8-1-10 and vested on 8-1-13 but remain subject to delivery restrictions pursuant to the Company's participation in the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Includes 2,657 shares of restricted stock (remaining after 1,448 shares were surrendered for taxes) that were granted on 2-1-11 and vested on 2-1-14 but remain subject to delivery restrictions pursuant to the Company's participation in the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program.

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