

SULLIVAN ROBERT A
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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 *
SULLIVAN ROBERT A

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA

 (Street)
CINCINNATI, OH 45263

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIFTH THIRD BANCORP [FITB]

 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2005

 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)
Executive Vice President

 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/16/2005		M	5,072 A \$ 15.6426	35,072	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005		F	2,011 D \$ 39.44	33,061	D	
Common Stock					340,6151	I	by 401(K)
Common Stock					16,300	I	by Spouse
Common Stock					50,000	I	by Trust (1)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 8 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Amount or Number of Shares. Row 1: Option to Purchase, \$ 15.6426, 12/16/2005, M, 5,072, 01/01/2001, 01/01/2006, Common Stock, 5,072.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Sullivan Robert A is listed as Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and President.

Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert A. Sullivan, signed 12/20/2005.

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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(1) A trust of which the reporting person is the grantor and trustee.
(2) Issued pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp stock option plan. No consideration paid.
(3) Includes total number of unexercised option grants previously reported.

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