

PIERCE DENNIS L

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

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PIERCE DENNIS L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

23 LIBERTY PLACE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/05/2007

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

HATTIESBURG, MS 39402

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
COMMON STOCK	03/05/2007		X		6,562	A	\$ 55,932
COMMON STOCK	03/05/2007		X		2,338	A	\$ 58,270

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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
COMMON STOCK OPTIONS 1997 PLAN	\$ 5	03/05/2007		X	6,562	<u>(1)</u> 03/18/2007	COMMON STOCK	6,562
COMMON STOCK OPTIONS 1999 PLAN	\$ 7.5	03/05/2007		X	2,338	<u>(3)</u> 04/15/2009	COMMON STOCK	2,338

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PIERCE DENNIS L 23 LIBERTY PLACE HATTIESBURG, MS 39402	X			

Signatures

DENNIS L
PIERCE 03/06/2007

**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) The option vested in three equal installments on March 18, 1998, March 18, 1999, and March 18, 2000.
- (2) Derivative securities under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan
- (3) The option vested in three equal installments on April 15, 2000, April 15, 2001, and April 15, 2002.

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