

SKILLING DAVID VAN  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SKILLING DAVID VAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY

(Street)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST AMERICAN CORP [FAF]

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

04/21/2008

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2008                           |  | M                              | V<br>A  | Amount<br>\$ 6,750<br>Price<br>29.54  | D (1)  |                                   |

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)**

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Nonemployee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 29.54   | 04/21/2008                           |  | M                              | 6,750  | 04/23/1999 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/23/2008                     | Common Stock 6  |
| Nonemployee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 47.49   |                                      |  |                                |  | 12/08/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/08/2015                     | Common Stock 5  |
| Nonemployee Director Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.25   |                                      |  |                                |  | 08/31/1999 <sup>(4)</sup> 06/23/2009                     | Common Stock 6  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SKILLING DAVID VAN<br>1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY<br>SANTA ANA, CA 92707 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney In Fact for David Van Skilling 04/23/2008

\_\_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).

Includes 716 unvested restricted stock units remaining from an original grant of 1,049 restricted stock units on 3/5/07. Pursuant to the

- (1) terms of the grant, the restricted stock units vest in three equal annual increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant and accrue dividend equivalents in the form of additional restricted stock units.
- (2) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 4/23/99, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (3) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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(4) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 8/31/99, the first anniversary of the grant.

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