

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
**HOLDING FRANK B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**POST OFFICE BOX 1377**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/16/2007**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice Chairman**

**SMITHFIELD, NC 27577**  
 (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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**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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	1,633,283	D	
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	240,836 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	26,430 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By trust for adult children
				(A) or (D)	8,193 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	

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Class A Common Stock								By Twin States Farming		
Class A Common Stock		167,600	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc.		
Class A Common Stock		28,628	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By The Heritage Bank		
Class A Common Stock		100,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By Fidelity BancShares (N.C.), Inc.		
Class A Common Stock		36,659	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By Southern BancShares, Inc.		
Class A Common Stock		46,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By Southern Bank and Trust Company		
Class A Common Stock		54,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By Goshen, Inc.		
Class A Common Stock		400	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By E&F Properties, Inc.		
Class B Common Stock		552,206	<sup>(1)</sup>	I				By adult children and their spouses and children		
Class B Common Stock		45,900	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc.		
Class B Common Stock		22,619	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc.		
Class B Common Stock		6,175	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By trust for adult children		
Class B Common Stock		1,325	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By Twin States Farming		
Class B Common Stock		100	<sup>(2)</sup>	I				By E & F Properties		
	05/16/2007			P	1,000	A	\$ 211	21,168 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse

Class B  
Common  
Stock

Class B Common Stock	05/16/2007	P	25	A	\$ 210.5	21,193 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse
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Class B Common Stock	05/16/2007	P	25	A	\$ 211	21,218 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse
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Class A Common Stock	05/17/2007	P	27	A	\$ 190.5	142,893 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse
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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
HOLDING FRANK B POST OFFICE BOX 1377 SMITHFIELD, NC 27577	X	X	Executive Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

Frank B. Holding, By: William R. Lathan, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-fact

05/17/2007

\_\_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).

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the

(1) reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

(2) The reporting person is a director, officer and/or principal shareholder of the companies that own these shares, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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