

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 LEWIS R

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2005

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

Chairman of the Board

POST OFFICE BOX 29549

(Street)

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

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

RALEIGH, NC 27626

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | 695,529 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 48,963 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Spouse |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 25,129 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Adult Child |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 18,145 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Yadkin Valley |

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| Stock | | | | | | | Company |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|------------------------|--------|--|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 700 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Yadkin Valley Life Insurance Company |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 167,600 ⁽²⁾ | I | By First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc. |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 100,000 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Fidelity BancShares (N.C.), Inc. |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 27,584 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc. |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 46,000 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Southern Bank and Trust Company |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 54,000 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Goshen, Inc. |
| Class B Common Stock | 03/14/2005 | P | 184 | A | \$ 146.31 | 26,817 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 12,025 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By spouse |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 175 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Yadkin Valley Life Insurance Company |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 45,900 ⁽²⁾ | I | By First Citizens Bancorporation of South Carolina, Inc. |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 22,219 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc. |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 581 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Adult Child |
| | | | | | 1,725 ⁽²⁾ | I | |

Class B
Common
Stock

By Yadkin
Valley
Company

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | 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 LEWIS R POST OFFICE BOX 29549 RALEIGH, NC 27626 | X | X | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

Lewis R. Holding, By: William R. Lathan, Jr.,
Attorney-in-Fact 03/16/2005

__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.

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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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