

CARMICHAEL GREG D  
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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 \*  
**CARMICHAEL GREG D**  
  
 (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)  
**01/23/2006**  
  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
X Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP & Chief Information Officer**  
  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
X Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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	(D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/23/2006		A		15,966	A	2
Common Stock					441.8489	I	by 401(K)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 37.58	01/23/2006		A	60,000	01/23/2010 01/23/2016	Common Stock	60,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARMICHAEL GREG D 38 FOUNTAIN SQUARE PLAZA CINCINNATI, OH 45263			EVP & Chief Information Officer	

## Signatures

Paul L. Reynolds, as Attorney-in-Fact for Greg D. Carmichael  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 Date: 01/25/2006

## 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) Restricted stock granted pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp Incentive Compensation Plan subject to vesting on January 23, 2010.
- (2) Issued pursuant to Fifth Third Bancorp Incentive Compensation Plan. No consideration paid.
- (3) Includes total number of Stock Appreciation Rights previously reported.

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