

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 GRISSOM STEVEN L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS INC, 121 S 17TH ST

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/28/2004

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

(Street)
 MATTOON, IL 61938

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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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/28/2004 | | S | 0.415 D \$ 38.25 | 26,137 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/28/2004 | | S | 0.616 D \$ 38.25 | 127,983 | I | By Trust (2) |
| Common Stock | 12/28/2004 | | S | 0.616 D \$ 38.25 | 127,983 | I | By Trust (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)

| 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 or Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Options | \$ 12.55 | | | | | 12/18/2000 12/18/2010 | Common Stock | 1,125 |
| Stock Options | \$ 16 | | | | | 12/18/2001 12/18/2011 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.17 | | | | | 12/16/2002 12/16/2012 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 31 | | | | | 12/16/2003 12/16/2013 | Common Stock | 2,250 |
| Stock Option | \$ 41 | | | | | 12/14/2004 12/14/2014 | Common Stock | 2,250 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRISSOM STEVEN L
C/O CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS INC
121 S 17TH ST
MATTOON, IL 61938

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Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, Pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed on 12/19/2002

12/29/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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BY MR. GRISSOM AS CO-TRUSTEE OF THE RICHARD ANTHONY LUMPKIN 1990 PERSONAL INCOME TRUST FOR THE
(1) BENEFIT OF BENJAMIN IVERSON LUMPKIN DATED 4/20/90. MR. GRISSOM DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF THESE SHARES.

BY MR. GRISSOM AS CO-TRUSTEE OF THE RICHARD ANTHONY LUMPKIN 1990 PERSONAL INCOME TRUST FOR THE
(2) BENEFIT OF ELIZABETH ARABELLA LUMPKIN CELIO DATED 4/20/90. MR. GRISSOM DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF THESE SHARES.

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