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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WRIGHT CHRISTIE 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) 11 OAK PO	(First) INTE DR	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2004				Director 10% Owner Selfow) Other (specify below) Uice President/Secretary					
(Street) NEOGA, IL 62447			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative S	Secur	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, is any (Month/Day/Year)		n Date, if	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock							(-)		1,695.831	I	By Spouse	
Common Stock									1,537.79	I	By 401K	
Common Stock	06/18/2004			J(4)	V	4.966	A	\$ 48.75	1,142.144 (5)	D		

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16					01/01/2005(1)	12/18/2011	Common Stock	1,125 (5)
Stock Option	\$ 18.17					01/01/2004(2)	12/16/2012	Common Stock	2,250 (5)
Stock Option	\$ 31					01/01/2005(3)	12/16/2013	Common Stock	2,250 (5)
Stock Option	\$ 41	12/14/2004		A	2,250	01/01/2006(7)	12/14/2014	Common Stock	2,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WRIGHT CHRISTIE L 11 OAK POINTE DR NEOGA, IL 62447

Vice President/Secretary

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed on 12-19-2002.

12/16/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options become exercisable in 3 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2005.
- (2) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2004.
- (3) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2005.

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- (4) Shares purchased through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan with dividends paid on shares of common stock held.
- (5) Share balance has been adjusted to reflect a 3 for 2 stock split that occurred on July 16, 2004.
- (6) N/A
- (7) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2006.

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