

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

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(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)
12/15/2004

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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		Price
Class A Common Stock					695,529	D	
Class A Common Stock					48,963 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Spouse
Class A Common Stock					25,129 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Adult Child
Class A Common Stock					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	12/15/2004	P	1,000	A	\$ 147.75	28,293	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

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).

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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