FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 8-K July 29, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2016

#### FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 31-1042001 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. employer incorporation or organization) identification number)

Commission file number: 001-34762

255 East Fifth Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 322-9530

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Item 7.01 Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

C. Douglas Lefferson has been appointed Chief Credit Officer of First Financial Bank, National Association, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Financial Bancorp. Mr. Lefferson succeeds Richard Barbercheck who has announced his retirement effective September 30, 2016. The Company wishes to thank Mr. Barbercheck for his years of service.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ John M. Gavigan John M. Gavigan Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 29, 2016