

FIRST BANCORP /PR/
Form 4
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle) ALEMAN, AURELIO <hr/> URB. MONTE ALVERNIA 4 SAN PAOLO ST <hr/> (Street) GUAYNABO , PR 00969 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST BANCORP (FBP) <hr/> 4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year) APRIL 22, 2003 <hr/> 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT <hr/>	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) <hr/> 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	2a. Deemed Execution Date, if any. <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
FIRST BANCORP'S COMMON STOCK	04-22-03		P		10,000	A	\$12.7917	10,000	D	N/A

EXERCISE OF OPTION UNDER EMPLOYEE

STOCK OPTION PLAN

Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>
				Code	V (A) (D)
EXERCISE OPTION TO PURCHASE COMMON STOCK	\$12.7917	04-22-03		X	10,000

Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Continued
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	8. Price of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
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02-24-98	02-24-2008	FIRST BANCORP	10,000	185,000	D
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Aurelio Aleman

04-22-03

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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