

FIRST AMERICAN CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(D) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act Of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) February 16, 2005

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**THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**California**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13585**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-1068610**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92707-5913**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (714) 800-3000

**Not Applicable.**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 16, 2005, The First American Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2004. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this current report, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished in accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K. As such, this information is not deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act and is not incorporated by reference into any filings with the SEC unless it shall be explicitly so incorporated in such filings.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release.

**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.

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

Date: February 16, 2005

By:           /s/ Thomas A. Klemens          

Name: Thomas A. Klemens  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer