

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>KUHL P DAVID</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 101 GREENCROFT DR.  (Street) CHAMPAIGN IL 61821  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [ BUSE ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman - Busey Bank
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/14/2004	
		6. 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

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common	12/24/2004	12/24/2004	G		500	D	\$0.00	144,904.031	D	
Common								25,156.9937	I	ESOP Plan
Common								11,268.033	I	401 (k) / Profit Sharing Plan
Common								121,260	I	Spouse
Common								13,875.2496	I	Spouse ESOP Plan
Common								3,037.953	I	Spouse 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option	\$19.59	09/14/2004		A		23,000		09/14/2007	09/14/2009	Common	23,000	\$19.59	23,000	D	
Stock Option	\$11.9167							01/15/2002	12/15/2005	Common	11,250		0	D	
Stock Option	\$14.5593							04/16/2005	12/16/2010	Common	30,000		0	D	
Stock Option	\$11.9167							01/15/2002	12/15/2005	Common	11,250		0	I	Spouse
Stock Option	\$14.5593							04/16/2005	12/16/2010	Common	30,000		0	I	Spouse
Stock Option	\$19.59							09/14/2004	09/14/2009	Common	23,000		0	I	Spouse

Explanation of Responses:

Nicole Warren - POA 12/28/2004  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

\*\* 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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