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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] SCHARLAU EDWIN A II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/</u> [BUSE]		ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director	10% Owner
(Last) 301 SHERWI	(First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2004	X	Officer (give title below) Chmn - Busey Inve	Other (specify below) estment Group
, (Street) URBANA	IL	61801	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th	eporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Person	an one reporting

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

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)	
Common	12/16/2005		G		7,475	D	\$0.00	459,560	D		
Common								36,550.4307	Ι	ESOP Plan	
Common								17,291.316	Ι	401 (k) / Profit Sharing Plan	
Common								81,504	Ι	Spouse	

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

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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. Transa Code (8)		of		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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$19.59							09/14/2007	09/14/2009	Common	23,000		23,000	D	
Stock Option	\$14.56							04/16/2001	12/16/2010	Common	30,000		30,000	D	
Stock Option	\$11.92							01/15/2002	12/15/2005	Common	11,250		11,250	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Nicole M. Warren - POA

12/17/2004

** 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).

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