

FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DOWNEY DAVID J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
100 W. UNIVERSITY AVE  
  
(Street)

CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [BUSE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/06/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock	11/06/2007		A	5,000 A	\$ 19.85 74,442	I	David J. Downey Life Ins. P/S Plan (Park/Randolph)
Common Stock					308,828	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 11.85					08/01/2007	04/12/2010	Stock Option	8,544
Common Stock	\$ 11.29					08/01/2007	03/20/2011	Stock Option	8,138
Common Stock	\$ 12					08/01/2007	03/19/2012	Stock Option	7,750
Common Stock	\$ 16					08/01/2007	03/18/2013	Stock Option	7,750
Common Stock	\$ 19.74					08/01/2007	02/17/2014	Stock Option	7,750
Common Stock	\$ 19.09					08/01/2007	02/15/2015	Stock Option	7,750
Common Stock	\$ 19.41					08/01/2007	02/21/2016	Stock Option	7,750
Common Stock	\$ 19.35					08/01/2007	07/17/2017	Stock Option	4,650

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOWNEY DAVID J 100 W. UNIVERSITY AVE CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820		X		

## Signatures

/s/ David J.  
Downey

02/13/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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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