

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 2006

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15 (d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT of 1934**

March 14, 2006

(Date of Report date of earliest event reported)

First Albany Companies Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

0-14140

22-2655804

(State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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677 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(518) 447-8500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02

Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 14, 2006, First Albany Companies Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the Company's results for the year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Form 8-K as exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of First Albany Companies Inc. dated March 14, 2006

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.

First Albany Companies Inc.

Dated: March 14, 2006

/S/ Paul Kutey

Paul Kutey

Chief Financial Officer