

FIRST BANCORP /NC/  
Form 8-K  
October 31, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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):

October 31, 2011

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First Bancorp

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

North Carolina  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-15572  
(Commission  
File Number)

56-1421916  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

341 North Main Street, Troy,  
North Carolina  
(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

27371  
(Zip Code)

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(910) 576-6171

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Not Applicable

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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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Item 2.02 – Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 31, 2011, the Registrant issued a news release to announce its financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The news release includes disclosure of net interest income on a tax-equivalent basis, which is a performance measure used by management in operating its business, which management believes provides investors with a more accurate picture of net interest income and net interest margins for comparative purposes.

Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d)	Exhibits
Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued on October 31, 2011

Disclosures About Forward Looking Statements

The discussions included in this document and its exhibits contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are statements that include projections, predictions, expectations or beliefs about future events or results or otherwise are not statements of historical fact. Such statements are often characterized by the use of qualifying words (and their derivatives) such as “expect,” “believe,” “estimate,” “plan,” “project,” “anticipate,” or other statements concerning opinions or judgments of the Company and its management about future events. Factors that could influence the accuracy of such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the financial success or changing strategies of the Registrant’s customers, the Registrant’s level of success in integrating acquisitions, actions of government regulators, the level of market interest rates, and general economic conditions.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

First Bancorp

October 31, 2011

By: /s/ Jerry L. Ocheltree  
Jerry L. Ocheltree  
President and Chief Executive  
Officer