

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 WRIGHT CHRISTIE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 11 OAK POINTE DR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/14/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President/Secretary

NEOGA, IL 62447  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock				V	Amount		
Common Stock	06/18/2004		J <sup>(4)</sup>	V	4.966	A	\$ 48.75
							1,695.831
							1,537.79
							1,142.144 <sup>(5)</sup>
							I
							I
							D
							By Spouse
							By 401K

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- (4) Shares purchased through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan with dividends paid on shares of common stock held.
- (5) Share balance has been adjusted to reflect a 3 for 2 stock split that occurred on July 16, 2004.
- (6) N/A
- (7) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning 1/1/2006.

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