

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 3

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SUBJECT COMPANY

FIRST BANKS INC

CIK: **710507** | IRS No.: **431175538** | State of Incorporation: **MO** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **3** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-20632** | Film No.: **01697013**
SIC: **6021** National commercial banks

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REPORTING OWNER

UPBIN HAL J

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Upbin, Hal J.
 600 Kellwood Parkway
 Chesterfield, MO 63017

2. Date of event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

July 24, 2001

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

First Preferred Capital Trust	FBNKO
First Preferred Capital Trust II	FBNKN

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group

Form filed by one reporting person
 Form filed by more than one reporting person.

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	N/A
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| 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | N/A |
| 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | N/A |
| 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | N/A |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security | N/A |
| 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | N/A |
| 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | N/A |
| 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | N/A |
| 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or | N/A |
| 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | N/A |
| Explanation of Responses: | N/A |

/s/ Hal J.Upbin

Signature of Reporting Person

Date: August 1, 2001