

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.: **01697017**
SIC: **6021** National commercial banks

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REPORTING OWNER

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Type: **3**

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1. Title of Security	N/A
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

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:

/s/ Gordon A. Gundaker

Signature of Reporting Person

Date: August 1, 2001