

**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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- Form 3 Holdings Reported.
- Form 4 Transactions Reported.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LYKINS GREGORY B</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>100 W. UNIVERSITY AVE</u>  (Street) <u>CHAMPAIGN IL 61820</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [ BUSE ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2008</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/19/2008		G	2,000	D	\$0	311,166	D	
Common Stock							3,961	I	P/S Plans
Common Stock							74,817	I	S.E. Retirement Plan/Keogh/IRA
Common Stock							71,300	I	IRA
Common Stock							6,718	I	Margo Lykins / IRA
Common Stock							157	I	GBL/ML Investment Agency

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Common Stock	\$11.85						08/01/2007	04/12/2010	Stock Option	8,544	8,544	D	
Common Stock	\$11.29						08/01/2007	03/20/2011	Stock Option	8,138	8,138	D	
Common Stock	\$12						08/01/2007	03/19/2012	Stock Option	7,750	7,750	D	
Common Stock	\$16						08/01/2007	03/18/2013	Stock Option	7,750	7,750	D	
Common Stock	\$19.74						08/01/2007	02/17/2014	Stock Option	7,750	7,750	D	
Common Stock	\$19.09						08/01/2007	02/15/2015	Stock Option	7,750	7,750	D	
Common Stock	\$19.41						08/01/2007	02/21/2016	Stock Option	7,750	7,750	D	
Common Stock	\$17.12						05/01/2009	12/15/2015	Stock Option	7,500	7,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Gregory B. Lykins

02/10/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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