FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K January 22, 2019

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 21, 2019

FIRST DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO 0-26850 34-1803915 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer I.D. No.) 601 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (419) 782-5015

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Section 2 – Financial Information.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 21, 2019, First Defiance Financial Corp. ("FDEF") issued a press release regarding its earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 2018. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Section 8 – Other Events.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 21, 2019, the FDEF Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.19 per common share payable on February 22, 2019 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 15, 2019. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

ExhibitNumberDescription99.1Press Release dated January 21, 2019

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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 DEFIANCE FINANCIAL CORP.

By:/s/ Kevin T. Thompson Kevin T. Thompson Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 21, 2019

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