

Revolving credit facility.....	17,250	14,550
Long-term debt and notes payable, net of current portion.....	2,587	2,477
Debentures Due 1999.....	7,175	7,500
Debentures Due 2004.....	2,500	2,500
Deferred income taxes.....	1,868	1,628
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	34,168	31,362
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Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock; \$.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding.....	-	-
Common stock; \$.01 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; 4,267,728 and 4,168,459 shares issued, respectively; 3,796,769 and 3,697,500 shares outstanding, respectively.....	43	42
Additional paid-in capital.....	18,052	17,611
Retained earnings.....	6,544	5,195
Common stock held in treasury, at cost, 470,959 shares.....	(2,265)	(2,265)
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	22,374	20,583
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	\$ 56,542	\$ 51,945
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

FIRST CASH, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 1997	January 31, 1996	January 31, 1997	January 31, 1996
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	(amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Revenues:				
Merchandise sales.....	\$ 9,262	\$ 6,794	\$ 16,009	\$ 12,410
Pawn service charges.....	4,204	3,166	8,266	6,291
Other.....	71	12	142	31
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	13,537	9,972	24,417	18,732
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Cost of goods sold and expenses:				
Cost of goods sold.....	6,423	4,590	11,051	8,362
Operating expenses.....	3,975	3,125	7,585	6,035
Interest expense.....	637	529	1,201	1,072
Depreciation.....	180	125	342	265
Amortization.....	159	137	315	276
Administrative expenses...	971	725	1,843	1,459
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	12,345	9,231	22,337	17,469
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Income before income taxes...	1,192	741	2,080	1,263
Provision for income taxes...	396	280	731	489
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Net income.....	\$ 796	\$ 461	\$ 1,349	\$ 774
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Primary earnings per share...	\$.17	\$.13	\$.29	\$.21
Fully diluted earnings per share.....	\$.14	\$.13	\$.26	\$.21

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)

	Six-Month Period Ended January 31,	
	1997	1996
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	(amounts in thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income.....	\$ 1,349	\$ 774
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization.....	657	541
(Increase) decrease in:		
Service charges receivable.....	48	10
Inventories.....	(1,343)	(333)
Prepaid expenses and other assets..	(729)	(195)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	(76)	(69)
Income taxes payable.....	(21)	239
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Net cash flows from operating activities.....	(115)	967
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Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net decrease in loans.....	34	56
Purchases of property and equipment...	(434)	(740)
Acquisition of existing stores.....	(1,965)	(259)
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Net cash flows from investing activities.....	(2,365)	(943)
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from debt.....	11,373	6,250
Repayments of debt.....	(8,147)	(6,131)
Issuance of stock warrants.....	117	-
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Net cash flows from financing activities.....	3,343	119
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Increase in cash and cash equivalents.....	863	143
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period.....	680	266
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period.....	\$ 1,543	\$ 409
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Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest.....	\$ 1,139	\$ 1,068
	=====	=====
Income taxes.....	\$ 765	\$ 240
	=====	=====

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FIRST CASH, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, include the accounts of First Cash, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, American Loan & Jewelry, Inc. and Famous Pawn, Inc. Such unaudited consolidated financial statements are condensed and do not include all disclosures and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. Such interim period financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements which are included in the Company's 1996 Annual Report to Stockholders. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The consolidated financial statements as of January 31, 1997 and for the periods ended January 31, 1997 and 1996 are

unaudited, but in management's opinion, include all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for such interim periods. Operating results for the period ended January 31, 1997 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year.

Note 2 - Earnings Per Share

Earnings per common share is calculated using the Modified Treasury Stock Method as required by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No.15 ("APB 15"), which requires a dual computation. The first computation divides net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average shares of common stock outstanding during the period. The second computation requires all common stock equivalents, whether dilutive or anti-dilutive, be included in an aggregate computation, however, the number of common shares assumed to be repurchased into treasury is limited to 20% of the number of common shares outstanding at the end of the period. The remaining excess proceeds are then assumed to first retire outstanding debt, and second, to purchase certain "risk-free" securities. Pursuant to APB 15, if the result of the aggregate computation is dilutive, when compared to the first computation, its result must be reported as earnings per share; otherwise, the result of the first computation is reported. As a result of this computation, the proceeds from the assumed exercise of common stock equivalents were assumed to be used to repurchase 20% of the outstanding common shares at the average stock price during the quarter and the remaining proceeds were used to retire debt and invest in 5.25% securities. This increased adjusted net income by \$258,000 and \$523,000, respectively, and increased the share count by 2,633,000 and 2,661,000 shares, respectively, for the three and six months ended January 31, 1997. Thus, the adjusted net income and share count used in computing primary earnings per share were \$1,054,000 and \$1,872,000, respectively, and 6,382,000 and 6,386,000 shares, respectively, for the three and six months ended January 31, 1997. For purposes of calculating primary earnings per share, convertible debentures are not included as they are not considered common stock equivalents. Fully diluted earnings per share is calculated in a similar manner except that all convertible debentures are also included in this computation and the higher of the closing stock price or average stock price for the quarter is used. Fully diluted earnings per share's adjusted net income increased \$425,000 and \$862,000, respectively, and the share count increased 4,684,000 and 4,737,000 shares, respectively, for the three and six months ended January 31, 1997. Thus, the adjusted net income and share count used in computing fully diluted earnings per share were \$1,221,000 and \$2,211,000, respectively, and 8,481,000 and 8,495,000 shares, respectively, for the three and six months ended January 31, 1997. For the three and six month periods ended January 31, 1996, the result of the Modified Treasury Stock Method was not dilutive for primary and fully diluted earnings per share, therefore primary and fully diluted earnings per share were the same and were based on a weighted average share count of 3,659,000 shares, respectively.

Note 3 - Revolving Credit Facility

The Company maintains a \$20,000,000 long-term line of credit with a major commercial bank (the "Credit Facility"). The Credit Facility bears interest at the prevailing LIBOR rate plus one and three-quarters percent, and matures in December 1998. The Credit Facility allows the Company to borrow funds based upon 80% of loans and service charges receivable and 60% of inventory of the Company. As of January 31, 1997, \$17,250,000 was drawn under this Credit Facility and an additional \$205,000 was available to the Company pursuant to the available borrowing base. The Credit Facility requires that interest be paid monthly with the principal due upon maturity. It is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets. Under the terms of the Credit Facility, the Company is required to maintain certain financial ratios and comply with certain technical covenants. The Company was in compliance with these requirements and covenants during the first six months of fiscal 1997 and as of March 7, 1997.

Note 4 - Business Acquisitions

In September and October 1996, the Company acquired four individual stores in its Mid-Atlantic division, in December 1996 the Company acquired one store in the Dallas, Texas area, and in February 1997 the Company acquired one store in Corpus Christi, Texas. These acquisitions were financed with proceeds from the Company's Credit Facility and acquisition term notes provided by the Company's primary lender.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL

The Company's revenues are derived primarily from service charges on pawn loans and the sale of unredeemed goods, or "merchandise sales". Loans are made for a 30-day term with an automatic extension of 60 days in Texas, 30 days in Oklahoma and 15 days in Maryland. Loans made in Washington, DC are made for 120 days with no automatic extension. All loans are collateralized by tangible personal property placed in the custody of the Company. The annualized service charge rates on the loans are set by state laws and range between 12% and 240% in Texas and 36% and 240% in Oklahoma, depending on the amount of the loan. Service charge rates are 144% on an annualized basis in Maryland, regardless of loan amount. In Washington, DC, loans up to \$40 bear a flat \$2 charge per month, while loans over \$40 bear a 60% annualized rate. In its Texas stores, the Company recognizes service charges at the inception of the loan at the lesser of the statutory amount for the initial 30-day term or \$15, in accordance with state law. In Oklahoma, Maryland and Washington, DC the Company recognizes service charges at the inception of the loan at the amount allowed by law for the first 30 days. Pawn service charge income applicable to the remaining term and/or extension period is not recognized until the loan is repaid or renewed. If a loan is not repaid prior to the expiration of the automatic extension period, the property is forfeited to the Company and held for resale.

As a result of the Company's policy of accruing pawn service charges only for the initial 30-day term, unredeemed merchandise is transferred to inventory at a value equal to the loan principal plus one-month's accrued interest. The Company's accounting policy defers recognition of an amount of income equal to the amount of pawn service charges relating to the remaining term and/or extension period until the loan is repaid, renewed, or until the merchandise is resold. As a result of this policy, the Company's annualized loan yield is lower than certain of its publicly traded competitors. Conversely, this revenue recognition policy results in inventory being recorded at a lower value, which results in realization of a larger gross profit margin on merchandise sales than would be realized by certain of its publicly traded competitors, which lessens the risk that the inventory's cost will exceed its realizable value when sold. However, if the pawn loan is repaid or renewed, or if the forfeited merchandise is resold, the amount of income which would be recognized by the Company or certain of its publicly traded competitors would be the same over time.

Although the Company has had significant increases in revenues due to acquisitions and store openings, the Company has also incurred increases in operating expenses attributable to the additional stores and increases in administrative expenses attributable to establishing a management team and supporting personnel associated with the Company's growth. Operating expenses consist of all items directly related to the operation of the Company's stores, including salaries and related payroll costs, rent, utilities, equipment depreciation, advertising, property taxes, licenses, supplies and security. Administrative expenses consist of items relating to the operation of the corporate office, including the salaries of corporate officers, area supervisors and other management, accounting and administrative costs, liability and casualty insurance, outside legal and accounting fees and stockholder-related expenses.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Six months ended January 31, 1997 compared to
six months ended January 31, 1996

Total revenues increased 30% to \$24,417,000 for the six months ended January 31, 1997 (the "Six-Month 1997 Period") as compared to \$18,732,000 for the six months ended January 31, 1996 (the "Six-Month 1996 Period"). Of the \$5,685,000 increase in total revenues, \$2,307,000 relates to the 42 stores which were in operation throughout both the Six-Month 1996 Period and the Six Month 1997 Period. The remaining increase of \$3,378,000 resulted from revenues generated by 13 stores which were acquired or opened subsequent to August 1, 1995. In addition, 63% of the increase in total revenues, or \$3,599,000, was attributable to increased merchandise sales, 35%, or \$1,975,000, was attributable to increased pawn service charges, and the remaining increase of \$111,000 was attributable to the increase in other income. As a percentage of total revenues, merchandise sales were 66% and pawn service charges were 34% during both the Six-Month 1997 Period and the Six-Month 1996 Period.

The aggregate loan balance increased 33% from \$9,150,000 at January 31, 1996 to \$12,138,000 at January 31, 1997. Of the \$2,988,000 increase, \$1,024,000 was attributable to the addition of 11 stores since January 31, 1996. The remaining increase of \$1,964,000 was due to the 21% increase in same-store loan balances at the 44 stores in operation at both January 31, 1996 and January 31, 1997. The annualized yield on the average aggregate loan balance was 139% during the Six-Month 1997 Period compared to 137% during the Six-Month 1996 Period. The Company's average loan balance per store increased from \$208,000 as of January 31, 1996 to \$221,000 as of January 31, 1997.

The gross profit as a percentage of merchandise sales decreased from 33% during the Six-Month 1996 Period to 31% during the Six-Month 1997 Period. This decrease in the Company's gross profit margin on merchandise sales was primarily the result of significant jewelry scrap sales during the first half of fiscal 1997 to improve the Company's liquidity and inventory turnover. Such scrap sales have much smaller profit margins than the Company's regular retail sales. Without scrap jewelry sales, the Company's gross profit margin increased from 34% during the Six-Month 1996 Period to 35% during the Six Month 1997 Period.

Operating expenses increased 26% to \$7,585,000 during the Six-Month 1997 Period compared to \$6,035,000 during the Six-Month 1996 Period, primarily as a result of the addition of 13 stores subsequent to August 1, 1995, as well as overall higher revenues at the Company's existing stores. Administrative expenses increased 26% to \$1,843,000 during the Six-Month 1997 Period compared to \$1,459,000 during the Six-Month 1996 Period. Interest expense increased to \$1,201,000 in the Six-Month 1997 Period compared to \$1,072,000 in the Six Month 1996 Period as a result of the borrowings utilized to fund the Company's acquisitions.

For the Six-Month 1997 and 1996 Periods, the Company's tax provisions of 35% and 39%, respectively, of income before income taxes differed from the statutory rate of 34% primarily due to state income taxes, net of the federal tax benefit.

Three months ended January 31, 1997 compared to the
three months ended January 31, 1996

Total revenues increased 36% to \$13,537,000 for the three month period ended January 31, 1997 ("the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1997") as compared to \$9,972,000 for the three month period ended January 31, 1996 ("the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996"). Of the \$3,565,000 increase in total revenues, \$1,596,000 relates to the 43 stores which were in operation throughout both the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1997 and the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996. The remaining increase of \$1,969,000 resulted from revenues generated by 12 stores which were opened subsequent to November 1, 1995. In addition, 69% or \$2,468,000 of the increase in total revenues was attributable to increased merchandise sales, 29% or \$1,039,000 was attributable to increased pawn service charges, and the remaining increase of \$58,000 was attributable to the increase in other income. As a percentage of total revenues, merchandise sales remained at 68%, and pawn service charges decreased from 32% to 31%, during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1997 as compared to the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996.

The aggregate loan balance increased 33% from \$9,150,000 at January 31, 1996 to \$12,138,000 at January 31, 1997. Of the \$2,988,000 increase, \$1,024,000 was attributable to the addition of 11 stores since January 31, 1996. The remaining increase of \$1,964,000 was due to the 21% increase in same-store loan balances at the 44 stores in operation at both January 31, 1996 and January 31, 1997. The annualized yield on the average aggregate loan balance was 139% during the Six-Month 1997 Period compared to 137% during the Six-Month 1996 Period. The Company's average loan balance per store increased from \$208,000 as of January 31, 1996 to \$221,000 as of January 31, 1997.

The gross profit as a percentage of merchandise sales decreased from 32% during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996 to 31% during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1997. This decrease in the Company's gross profit margin on merchandise sales was primarily the result of larger jewelry scrap sales during the first half of fiscal 1997 to improve the Company's liquidity and inventory turnover. Such scrap sales have much smaller profit margins than the Company's regular retail sales. Without scrap jewelry sales, the Company's gross profit margin increased from 34% during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996 to 35% during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1997.

Operating expenses increased 27% to \$3,975,000 during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1997 compared to \$3,125,000 during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996, primarily as a result of the 12 stores added subsequent to November 1, 1995, and higher overall revenues at the Company's existing stores. Administrative expenses increased 34% to \$971,000 during the Second Quarter of

Fiscal 1997 compared to \$725,000 during the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996. Interest expense increased to \$637,000 in the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1997 compared to \$529,000 in the Second Quarter of Fiscal 1996 as a result of borrowings utilized to fund the Company's acquisitions.

For the Second Quarters of Fiscal 1997 and Fiscal 1996, the Company's tax provisions of 33% and 38%, respectively, of income before income taxes differed from the statutory rate of 34% primarily due to state income taxes, net of the federal tax benefit.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's operations and acquisitions have been financed with funds generated from operations, bank borrowings, seller-financed indebtedness, the private placement of convertible debentures.

The Company maintains a \$20,000,000 long-term line of credit with a major commercial bank (the "Credit Facility"). The Credit Facility bears interest at the prevailing LIBOR rate plus one and three-quarters percent, and matures in December 1998. The Credit Facility allows the Company to borrow funds based upon 80% of loans and service charges receivable and 60% of inventory of the Company. As of January 31, 1997, \$17,250,000 was drawn under this Credit Facility and an additional \$205,000 was available to the Company pursuant to the available borrowing base. The Credit Facility requires that interest be paid monthly with the principal due upon maturity. It is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets. Under the terms of the Credit Facility, the Company is required to maintain certain financial ratios and comply with certain technical covenants. The Company was in compliance with these requirements and covenants during the first six months of Fiscal 1997 and as of March 7, 1997.

In September and October 1996, the Company acquired four individual stores in its Mid-Atlantic division, in December 1996 the Company acquired one store in the Dallas, Texas area, and in February 1997 the Company acquired one store in Corpus Christi, Texas. These acquisitions were financed with proceeds from the Company's Credit Facility and acquisition term notes provided by the Company's primary lender.

As of January 31, 1997, the Company's primary sources of liquidity were \$1,543,000 in cash and cash equivalents, \$1,812,000 in service charges receivable, \$12,138,000 in loans, \$10,491,000 in inventories and \$205,000 of available and unused funds under the Company's Credit Facility. The Company had working capital as of January 31, 1997 of \$24,472,000 and a total liabilities to equity ratio of 1.53 to 1. During the Six-Month 1997 Period, the Company received proceeds of \$117,000 from the issuance of 29,000 shares of common stock relating to the exercise of outstanding stock warrants. In addition, debenture holders converted \$325,000 of outstanding subordinated convertible debentures into 70,269 shares of common stock of the Company.

Net cash used by operating activities for the Company during the Six Month 1997 Period was \$115,000 as compared with net cash provided by operating activities of \$967,000 during the Six-Month 1996 Period. Net cash used for investing activities during the Six-Month 1997 Period was \$2,365,000 as compared with \$943,000 during the Six-Month 1996 Period. Net cash provided by financing activities of \$3,343,000 during the Six-Month 1997 Period relates primarily to net borrowings under the Company's Credit Facility, as compared to \$119,000 during the Six-Month 1996 Period.

The profitability and liquidity of the Company are affected by the amount of loans outstanding, which is controlled in part by the Company's loan decisions. The Company is able to influence the frequency of forfeiture of collateral by increasing or decreasing the amount loaned in relation to the resale value of the pledged property. Tighter credit decisions generally result in smaller loans in relation to the estimated resale value of the pledged property and can thereby decrease the Company's aggregate loan balance and, consequently, decrease pawn service charges. Additionally, small loans in relation to the pledged property's estimated sale value tend to increase loan redemptions and improve the Company's liquidity. Conversely, providing larger loans in relation to the estimated sale value of the pledged property can result in an increase in the Company's pawn service charge income. Also larger average loan balances can result in an increase in loan forfeitures, which increases the quantity of goods on hand and, unless the Company increases inventory turnover, reduces the Company's liquidity. In each of the Company's last three fiscal years, at least 70% of the amounts loaned were either paid in full or renewed. The Company's renewal policy allows customers to renew pawn loans by repaying all accrued interest on such pawn loans. In addition to these factors, the Company's liquidity is affected by merchandise sales and the pace of store expansions.

Management believes that the Credit Facility, current assets and cash

generated from operations will be sufficient to accommodate the Company's current operations for at least the next twelve months. The Company has no significant capital commitments as of March 7, 1997. The Company currently has no written commitments for additional borrowings or future acquisitions; however, the Company intends to continue to grow and will likely seek additional capital to facilitate expansion. The Company will evaluate acquisitions, if any, based upon opportunities, acceptable financing, purchase price, strategic fit and qualified management personnel.

The Company intends to continue to engage in a plan of expansion through existing store acquisitions and new store openings. While the Company continually looks for, and is presented with, potential acquisition candidates, the Company has no definitive plans or commitments for further acquisitions. If the Company encounters an attractive opportunity to acquire or open a new store in the near future, the Company will seek additional financing, the terms of which will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. In September and October 1996, the Company acquired four individual stores in its Mid-Atlantic division, in December 1996 the Company acquired one store in the Dallas, Texas area, and in February 1997 the Company acquired one store in Corpus Christi, Texas. These acquisitions were financed with proceeds from the Company's Credit Facility and acquisition term notes provided by the Company's primary lender.

FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain portions of this report contain forward-looking statements, particularly the portion captioned "Liquidity and Capital Resources". Factors such as changes in regional or national economic or competitive conditions, changes in government regulations, changes in regulations governing pawn service charges, unforeseen litigation, changes in interest rates or tax rates, future business decisions and other uncertainties may cause results to differ materially from those anticipated by some of the statements made in this report. Such factors are difficult to predict and many are beyond the control of the Company.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 4. Submission of matters to a vote of security holders

On January 16, 1997, the Company held its annual meeting of stockholders and its stockholders voted for (or ratified) the following proxy proposals as a result of a majority of the Company's outstanding capital stock voting in favor of the proposals. The proposals ratified at the January 16, 1997 annual stockholders' meeting are as follows:

1. The stockholders ratified the selection of Price Waterhouse LLP as independent auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1997.
2. The stockholders re-elected Richard T. Burke, Joe R. Love and Rick L. Wessel as directors of First Cash, Inc.

ITEM 6. Exhibits and reports on Form 8-K

27.0 Financial Data Schedules

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.

Dated: March 7, 1997

FIRST CASH, INC.

(Registrant)

Phillip E. Powell

Phillip E. Powell
Chairman of the Board and

Rick L. Wessel

Rick L. Wessel
Chief Accounting Officer

THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AND CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOUND IN THE COMPANY'S FORM 10-Q FOR THE YEAR TO DATE, AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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