Tampa Bay Bank Executive Joins First National Bank
Dale Dignum (BSBA '74) to Oversee First National Bank Operations in Tampa Region

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TAMPA, Fla., Jan 08, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Dale Dignum, a long-time Tampa Bay area bank executive, will join First National Bank as Executive Vice President for the Tampa Bay Region. In this position, he will be responsible for establishment and expansion of First National Bank's operations in the Tampa Bay market. He will begin his new duties with First National Bank on January 15, 2007.

Dignum is well known in the greater Tampa area, where he has enjoyed a successful career in banking for over twenty-five years. Since joining Tampa's First Florida Bank as a commercial loan officer in 1979, he has held positions of increasing responsibility at Key Bank and Regions Bank, where he was most recently President of the Tampa Market and Group President Central Florida, with responsibility for the Sarasota and Orlando markets.

"We have been looking for just the right person to expand our operations into the Tampa Bay market," said Joseph Hudgins, Florida Executive for First National Bank's Florida operations. "With Dale, we have found that individual. He is both well-known and well-respected in the greater Tampa area, and knows that market well. I look forward to working with someone of Dale's caliber and reputation."

Since entering the Florida market a year ago, First National Bank has opened four offices in Orlando, Sarasota, Fort Meyers and Naples. The initiative has been successful, with loan growth running well ahead of projections.

"We are pleased to have attracted an executive of Dale's caliber to head up our strategic expansion into the Tampa market," added Gary Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer of First National Bank. "Under Dale's leadership, we know that the Tampa region will quickly become a significant contributor to the already proven success of First National Bank's Florida operations."

Dignum holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration from the University of Florida. Prior to beginning his career in banking he worked as a real estate broker in Tampa. He is a member of the executive board for the Outback Bowl; a board member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties Tampa Chapter (NAIOP), and the March of Dimes; and a member of the University of Florida Commercial Real Estate Advisory Council and the Tampa Bay Partnership. He lives in Valrico, FL with his wife, Connie, and two daughters, Leanne and Shelley.

About First National Bank of Pennsylvania

First National Bank of Pennsylvania, the largest subsidiary of F.N.B. Corporation (FNB), operates 154 full-service banking offices in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and loan production offices in Orlando, Sarasota, Fort Meyers, and Naples, Florida.

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