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First Carolina Financial Services Announces Completion of \$8.97 million Private Placement

Rocky Mount, North Carolina (December 20, 2016) – First Carolina Financial Services, Inc. (“First Carolina”), parent company of First Carolina Bank, announced today the completion of a private placement of 690,000 shares of its common stock to accredited investors. The shares were sold at a \$13.00 per share offering price, resulting in gross proceeds to the company of \$8,970,000 before deducting expenses of the offering. Proceeds from the private placement are being used to enhance First Carolina Bank’s capital ratios, to support growth of the franchise, and for general corporate purposes.

Commenting on the capital raise, Ronald A. Day, President and CEO said, “We are very pleased to announce the completion of this private placement in which we were able to successfully raise our maximum targeted offering amount. In early 2016, we began planning for the anticipated growth in our franchise, and this additional capital is expected to play an important role as we look to the future. The support we have gotten from our Board of Directors and existing shareholders, as well as new investors, has been outstanding, and it is a real testament to their belief in the positive momentum and tangible results we are producing at First Carolina.”

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities. The securities offered and sold in the private placement have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration, or an applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

About First Carolina Financial Services, Inc.

First Carolina Financial Services, Inc. is the registered bank holding company of First Carolina Bank, a North Carolina state-chartered bank headquartered in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. First Carolina Bank has full-service banking offices in Rocky Mount and Reidsville, North Carolina, and a loan production office in Raleigh, North Carolina. To learn more about First Carolina and its subsidiary bank, please visit our website at www.firstcarolinabank.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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