

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 2011  
UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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 27, 2011

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York  
(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

13-2565216  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10019-6108  
(Zip Code)

(212) 757- 3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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**ITEMS 2.02 AND 7.01**

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On January 27, 2011, the Company announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. The Company's press release announcing these results and containing certain other information is included as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press release dated January 27, 2010. The press release is furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01, except that the following shall be deemed filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 rather than furnished pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K: the section entitled "Fourth Quarter 2010 Financial Results" (other than the fifth paragraph of that section); the section entitled "Full-Year 2010 Financial Results"; the section entitled "Loans and Deposits"; the section entitled "Asset Quality"; the section entitled "Capital"; the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2010; the unaudited consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income and changes in shareholders' equity for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2010; the unaudited average balance sheets for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2010; the rate/volume analysis for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2010 and the reconciliation of tangible common equity and tangible assets on pages 2-5 and 8-16 of the press release.
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**SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: January 28, 2011

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN  
JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit  
Number

99.1            Press Release dated January 27, 2011

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