

STERLING BANCORP
Form 8-K
January 28, 2013

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 24, 2013

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

Sterling Bancorp
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 13-2565216
(State of other jurisdiction (IRS Employer
of incorporation) Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, 10019-6108
New York
(Address of principal executive (Zip Code)
offices)

(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
REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 24, 2013, the Company announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2012. 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 24, 2013. The press release is furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01, except that the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2012 and unaudited consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income and changes in shareholders' equity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012 on pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the press release 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.
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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, 2013

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

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Exhibit
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99.1 Press Release dated January 24, 2013