

STERLING BANCORP
Form 8-K
January 27, 2009

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**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 26, 2009

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
of incorporation)**

**(IRS Employer
Identification No.)**

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York

10019-6108

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))**
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ITEM 7.01

REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 26, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing a conference call to be held on January 27, 2009 at 10:00 am to discuss its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 26, 2009 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

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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 27, 2009

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

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99.1 Press Release dated January 26, 2009