

STERLING BANCORP
Form 8-K
February 09, 2007

**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) February 9, 2007
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)

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On February 9, 2007 the Company announced its financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. 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 February 9, 2007. The press release is furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01, except that the unaudited consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2006 and unaudited consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income and changes in shareholders' equity for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2006 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.

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: February 9, 2007

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