

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/  
Form 8-K  
December 06, 2005

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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) December 5, 2005

Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| New Jersey<br>(State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or<br>organization) | 1-12069<br>(Commission File<br>Number) | 22-2433468<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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Commerce Atrium, 1701 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-5400  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including  
area code: (856) 751-9000

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - 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 (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On December 5, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing the completion of its acquisition of Palm Beach County Bank. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filings.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated December 5, 2005.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

December 5, 2005

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| By:    | /s/ Douglas J. Pauls                                 |
| Name:  | Douglas J. Pauls                                     |
| Title: | Senior Vice President and Chief<br>Financial Officer |

**Exhibit Index**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
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| 99.1          | Press Release, dated December 5, 2005. |

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