

STERLING BANCORP
Form 8-K
January 29, 2008

**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 28, 2008
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 January 28, 2008 the Company announced its financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. 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 28, 2008. The press release is furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01, except that the unaudited consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2007 and unaudited consolidated statements of income, comprehensive (loss) income and changes in shareholders' equity for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2007 on pages 9, 10, 11 and 12 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 29, 2008

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer