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Form 8-K  
February 16, 2005

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 16, 2005

Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey

1-12069

22-2433468

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Commerce Atrium, 1701 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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Not Applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events  
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On February 15, 2005 the Registrant issued a press release announcing a two-for-one stock split. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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.

Date: February 16, 2005

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