

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
July 25, 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)** July 22, 2005

**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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**o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))**

**o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))**

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**REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On July 22, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing a conference call to be held on July 26, 2005 at 10:00 am EST to discuss its financial results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2005. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated July 22, 2005(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: July 25, 2005

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

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JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit  
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99.1            Press Release dated July 22, 2005