STERLING BANCORP

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR

(State)

FERRER FERNANDO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STERLING BANCORP [STL]

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

06/30/2005

(Zip)

(Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Officer (give title

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Form: Direct

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

Other (specify

Estimated average

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below)

Issuer

X_ Director

NEW YORK, NY 10019

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

Beneficially

Securities

Owned

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

150 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secu
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sh
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.35	06/30/2005		A	4,500	06/30/2006(1)	06/30/2010	Common Stock	4
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 18.61					06/30/2004(1)	06/30/2008	Common Stock	4
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 19.71					07/31/2004(1)	07/31/2008	Common Stock	4
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 23.02					06/30/2005(1)	06/30/2009	Common Stock	4
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 22.47					07/30/2005(1)	07/30/2009	Common Stock	4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
FERRER FERNANDO 650 FIFTH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	X				
Signatures					

Signatures

/s/ Ferrer, Fernando	07/01/2005		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Non-qualified stock options become exercisable in installments over a four year period, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant for a term of five years from the date of grant (first exercisable date listed).

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