

TIETJEN JOHN W  
Form 4/A  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TIETJEN JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
STERLING BANCORP [STL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
01/24/2007

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/31/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		12	A \$ 0	42,582 D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	01/22/2007		M		4,999	A \$ 6.48	47,581 D
Common Stock	01/22/2007		F		1,778	D \$ 18.21	45,803 D
Common Stock							8,740 <sup>(3)</sup> I By 401(k)

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.48	01/22/2007		M		4,999		01/31/1998	01/31/2007	Common Stock	4
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 10.34							02/10/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/10/2008	Common Stock	36
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 8.69							02/12/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/12/2009	Common Stock	48
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.94							02/11/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/11/2010	Common Stock	32
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.6							02/06/2010 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	13
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.94							02/11/2001 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/11/2010	Common Stock	6
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.6							02/06/2003 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	24

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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EVP and CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Tietjen, John  
W

01/23/2007

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
  - Reporting person received an additional 12 shares in his profit sharing plan as a result of reinvestment of dividends held in profit sharing plan and securities issued as a result of stock dividends or splits. Reporting person does not have sole voting and investment power with respect to this security. These shares are held in profit sharing plans as to which he has the power to direct the vote.
  - (1) Reporting person has shared voting and investment power with respect to these securities (to the extent he has not disclaimed ownership thereof), except for 240 shares held in a profit sharing plan, as to which he has the power to direct the vote.
  - (2) Amount of shares beneficially owned was reported ncorrectly; amount of shares beneficially owned corrected from 7,695 to 8,470.
  - (3) Options became exercisable in three installments on the first anniversary of the grant, for a term of 10 years from date of grant (first exercisable date listed).
  - (4) Options become exercisable, commencing on fourth anniversary of the grant, in installments over a five-year period for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
  - (5) Options become exercisable in three installments commencing on the seventh anniversary of the grant date and for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
  - (6) Options become exercisable in two installments commencing on the eighth anniversary of the grant date and for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
  - (7) Non-qualified options are exercisable commencing on the first anniversary of the grant for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
  - (8)

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