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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): January 28, 2016

**First BanCorp.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

Puerto Rico	001-14793	66-0561822
(State or Other Jurisdiction		(I.R.S.
of Incorporation)		Employer
	(Commission	Identification
	File Number)	No.)

1519 Ponce de Leon Ave.	
P.O. Box 9146	00908-0146
San Juan, Puerto Rico	
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(787) 729-8200
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 28, 2016, First BanCorp. (the “Corporation”), the bank holding company for FirstBank Puerto Rico (“FirstBank” or “the Bank”), issued a press release announcing its unaudited results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the presentation that the Corporation will use at its conference call to discuss its financial results for the the quarter and year ended December 31, 2015 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference. As announced in a press release dated January 15, 2016, the call may be accessed via a live Internet webcast at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time on Friday, January 29, 2016 through the investor relations section of the Corporation’s website: www.firstbankpr.com or through the dial-in telephone number dial-in telephone number 877-506-6537 or 412-380-2001 for international callers. The conference number is 10079498.

The Corporation has included in this release the following financial measures that are not recognized under generally accepted accounting principles, which are referred to as non-GAAP financial measures: (i) the calculation of net interest income, interest rate spread and net interest margin rate on a tax-equivalent basis and excluding changes in the fair value of derivative instruments and a \$2.5 million prepayment penalty collected on a commercial mortgage loan paid off in the fourth quarter of 2014; (ii) the calculation of the tangible common equity ratio and the tangible book value per common share; (iii) the adjusted pre-tax, pre-provision income, and (iv) certain other financial measures, including non-interest income, non-interest expenses and pre-tax income adjusted to exclude the effect of the gain on a sale of merchant contracts recorded in the fourth quarter of 2015, other-than-temporary impairment charges on Puerto Rico Government debt securities recorded in the fourth quarter and second quarter of 2015, costs related to a voluntary early retirement incentive program completed in the fourth quarter of 2015, the bulk sale of assets completed in the second quarter of 2015, the bargain purchase gain and acquisition and conversion costs related to the Doral Bank transaction recorded in the first quarter and second quarter of 2015. Investors should be aware that non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations and should be read only in conjunction with the Corporation’s consolidated financial data prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Management believes that these non-GAAP measures enhance the ability of analysts and investors to analyze trends in the Corporation’s business and to better understand the performance of the Corporation. In addition, the Corporation may utilize these non-GAAP financial measures as a guide in its budgeting and long-term planning process. Any analysis of these non-GAAP financial measures should be used only in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP.

The release includes a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the GAAP financial measures, except for the ratio of the provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs ratio and the net charge-offs to average loans ratio adjusted to exclude the effect of the bulk sale of assets for the year ended December 31, 2015 included below:

		Provision for loan and lease losses to Net Charge-Offs (Non-GAAP to GAAP reconciliation)	
		Year Ended December 31, 2015	
(In thousands)		Provision for Loan and Lease Losses	Net Charge-Offs
Provision for loan and lease losses and net charge-offs, excluding special items (Non-GAAP)		\$ 125,098	\$ 92,295
<i>Special items:</i>			
Bulk sale of assets		46,947	61,435
Provision for loan and lease losses and net charge-offs (GAAP)		\$ 172,045	\$ 153,730
Provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs, excluding special items (Non-GAAP)		135.54	%
Provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs (GAAP)		111.91	%
(Dollars in thousands)			
	As		Adjusted, excluding Bulk Sale of Assets (Non-GAAP)
Year ended December 31, 2015	Reported (GAAP)	Bulk Sale of Assets	
Total net charge-offs	\$ 153,730	\$ (61,435)	\$ 92,295
Total net charge-offs to average loans	1.65 %		1.00 %
Commercial mortgage loans	49,567	(37,590)	11,977
Commercial mortgage loans net charge-offs to average loans	3.12 %		0.77 %
Commercial and Industrial loans	29,528	(20,570)	8,958
Commercial and Industrial loans net charge-offs to average loans	1.23 %		0.38 %
Construction loans	2,412	(3,275)	(863)
Commercial loans net charge-offs to average loans	1.42 %		-0.52 %

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated January 28, 2016 – First BanCorp Announces Earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2015

99.2 First BanCorp Conference Call Presentation – Financial Results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2015

Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 referenced therein, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 be deemed incorporated by reference in any filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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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, 2016 **First BanCorp.**

By: /s/ Orlando Berges

Name: Orlando Berges

Title: EVP and Chief
Financial Officer

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