

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
August 03, 2012

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 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): August 2, 2012**

**Commission File Number: 1-5273-1**

**Sterling Bancorp**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New York 13-2565216  
(State or other jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation) Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10019-6108  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)  
**Registrant's telephone number, including area code – (212) 757-3300**

**N/A**

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

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

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 2, 2012, Sterling Bancorp issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, Sterling National Bank, acquired the business of Universal Mortgage, Inc. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed. The Company's press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

**(d) Exhibits.**

99.1 Press release dated August 2, 2012 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Sterling Bancorp**

(Registrant)

Date: August 3, 2012 By: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Name: John W. Tietjen  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit Index**

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99.1            Press release dated August 2, 2012.