

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
January 25, 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): January 24, 2012

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction)

001-33898
(Commission)

20-4652200
(IRS Employer)

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of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

10 Meridian Street, East Boston,

Massachusetts 02128

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 567-1500

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 24, 2012, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report.

The press release attached as an exhibit to this Current Report pursuant to this Item 2.02 is being furnished to, and not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not Applicable.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99	Press release dated January 24, 2012

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, hereunto duly authorized.

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: January 24, 2012

By: /s/ Mark L. Abbate
Mark L. Abbate
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and

Chief Financial Officer