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Form 8-K
December 20, 2002

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)
DECEMBER 19, 2002

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-10435
(Commission File Number)

06-0633559
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

ONE LACEY PLACE, SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

06490
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 259-7843

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On December 19, 2002, the Company issued a press release regarding an update to stockholders and other interested parties on preliminary estimates for the fourth quarter and year ending December 31, 2002. For further information, stockholders and other interested parties are referred to the Company's press release dated December 19, 2002, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT, PRO FORMA
FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit -----	Description -----
99.1	Press release dated December 19, 2002

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.

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STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Erle G. Blanchard

Name: Erle G. Blanchard
Title: Principal Financial Officer,
Vice Chairman, President,
Chief Operating Officer,
Treasurer and Director

Date: December 20, 2002