

FERRER FERNANDO
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------|----------|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |
| FERRER FERNANDO | | | STERLING BANCORP [stl] | (Check all applicable) |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| 650 FIFTH AVENUE | | | 12/31/2010 | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) |
| NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,157 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 19.5 | | | | | | 06/30/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 06/30/2011 | Common Stock | 4 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FERRER FERNANDO 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | X | | |

Signatures

Fernando Ferrer 02/08/2011
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
 Includes 5,000 shares of restricted common stock issued pursuant to the Sterling Bancorp Incentive Stock Plan. The shares will vest 25%,
 (1) 25%, 25% and 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, subject to accelerated vesting upon death, disability and change in control. The restricted shares were issued on March 25, 2010 and are not transferable until vested.
 (2) Non-employee directors were granted options for shares of common stock under an automatic grant of options adopted in 2002.

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