

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K/A  
September 21, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K/A**

**Amendment No. 1 to**

**CURRENT REPORT  
on Form 8-K**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**September 20, 2004**

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**Commission File Number:**

**1-5273-1**

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**Sterling Bancorp**

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**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**New York**

**13-2565216**

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**(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York**

**10019-6108**

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**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(212) 757- 3300**

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**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**N/A**

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**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)**



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This amendment corrects the numbering of the Form 8-K previously filed on the date hereof to reflect the new numbering requirements of Form 8-K.

**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On September 20, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing a presentation on September 23, 2004 by John C. Millman-President of Sterling Bancorp and Michael Bizenov-President of Sterling National Mortgage Company Inc., as part of the LI Invest First Annual Investor Conference. The press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS**

- (c) Exhibits
    - 99.1 Press Release dated September 20, 2004
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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: September 21, 2004

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

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JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1                      Press Release dated September 20, 2004