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Form 4  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

(Print of Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*
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|-------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Falese, Jr.                               | Robert  | D.       |
| -----                                     | -----   | -----    |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) |
| Commerce Bancorp, Inc. 1701 Route 70 East |         |          |
| -----                                     |         |          |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |
| Cherry Hill                               | NJ      | 08034    |
| -----                                     | -----   | -----    |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
- Commerce Bancorp, Inc. (CBH)
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3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)
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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
- March 13, 2003
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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
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6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President  
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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,  
 or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	3/13/03		M		72,348	A	\$16.10
Common Stock	3/13/03		M		274	A	\$20.30
Common Stock	3/13/03		M		55,054	A	\$21.85
Common Stock	3/13/03		F		89,333	D	\$37.74
Common Stock							
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. (Over)

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/ yy)	3A. Deemed Execut- ion Date if any (mm/dd/ yy)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
Right to Buy **	\$16.10	3/14/03		M	72,348	12/16/98 12/16/07	Common Stock 0
Right to Buy **	\$20.30	3/14/03		M	274	06/29/99 06/29/03	Common Stock 0
Right to Buy **	\$21.85	3/14/03		M	55,054	12/15/99 12/15/08	Common Stock 0
Right to Buy **	\$21.85					12/15/99 12/15/08	Common Stock 66
Right to Buy **	\$19.28					12/21/00 12/21/09	Common Stock 105,000
Right to Buy **	\$30.60					01/31/02 01/31/11	Common Stock 100,000
Right to Buy	\$40.12					02/04/03 02/04/12	Common 75,000

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Stock

Explanation of Responses: \*\* Granted under the Company's 1984, 1994 and 1997 Stock Option Plans,  
\*J Stock Options Granted 2003

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/ yy)	3A. Deemed Execut- ion Date if any (mm/dd/ yy)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- tion Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares	
Right to Buy **	\$42.80	2-18-03		*J	18,750	2/18/04	2/18/03	Common Stock	18,750
Right to Buy **	\$42.80	2-18-03		*J	18,750	2/18/05	2/18/13	Common Stock	18,750
Right to Buy **	\$42.80	2-18-03		*J	18,750	2/18/06	2/18/13	Common Stock	18,750
Right to Buy **	\$42.80	2-18-03		*J	18,750	2/18/07	2/18/13	Common Stock	18,750

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Explanation of Responses: \*J Stock Options Granted 2003

/s/ Robert D. Falese, Jr.

3/14/03

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission (a) that the person filing this Statement is, for the purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended), the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this Statement, or (b) that this Statement is legally required to be filed by such person.

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