

RAGONE DANIEL J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RAGONE DANIEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
[CBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

RAGONE, RAILBLE, LACATENA
& BEPPLE, 76 EUCLID AVE.

(Street)

HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

11/23/2004

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/23/2004 | | S | 2,000 D \$ 60.25 | 59,052 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 18,837 | I | IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 39,014 | I | Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,910 | I | Wife-DRIP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,230 | I | Wife-IRA |

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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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 20.3 | | | | | 06/29/1999 | 06/29/2008 | Common Stock | 46,852 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 21.84 | | | | | 01/19/2000 | 01/19/2009 | Common Stock | 3,150 |
| Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 19.28 | | | | | 12/21/2000 | 12/21/2009 | Common Stock | 3,150 |
| Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 30.6 | | | | | 01/31/2002 | 01/31/2011 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 40.12 | | | | | 02/04/2003 | 02/04/2012 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| 5.95% Conv Trust Pref Sec of Commerce Cap Trust II | ⁽²⁾ | | | | | ⁽²⁾ | 03/11/2032 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 1,895 |
| Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 42.8 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | 02/18/2013 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Right to Buy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 58.9 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ | 02/18/2014 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Daniel J. 11/29/2004
Ragone

__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).
- (1) Granted under the company's 1989 and 1998 Stock Option Plans for Non-Employee Directors, which are each 16b-3 Plans.
Each 5.95% Convertible Trust Preferred Security is convertible at any time on or after the occurrence of certain events described below and prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the business day immediately preceding the date of repayment of such preferred security,
(2) whether at stated maturity (i.e. March 11, 2032) or upon redemption, at the option of the holder thereof, into shares of Commerce Bancorp, Inc.'s common stock at an initial conversion ratio of 0.9478 shares of Commerce Bancorp, Inc. common stock for each preferred security, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances.
- (3) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversaries of the grant date, 2/18/03.
- (4) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversaries of the grant date, 2/3/04.
- (5) Clerical error

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