

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
May 16, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): **May 16, 2014**

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-19065

(Commission File Number)

52-1532952

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

17801 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Maryland 20832

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(301) 774-6400**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 16, 2014, Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing a jury verdict against the Company for compensatory and punitive damages in a case before the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland involving actions by a former employee of CommerceFirst Bank, which was acquired by the Company in 2012. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

Number Description

99.1 Press release dated May 16, 2014

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.

**SANDY SPRING
BANCORP, INC.**
(Registrant)

Date: May 16, 2014 By: /s/ Ronald E.
Kuykendall
Ronald E. Kuykendall
General Counsel and
Secretary