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Form 8-K  
January 28, 2010  
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) January 27, 2010

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 13-2565216  
(State of other jurisdiction (IRS Employer  
of incorporation) Identification No.)

650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10019-6108  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 757- 3300  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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**ITEM 7.01**

**REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On January 27, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing a conference call to be held on February 1, 2010 at 10:00 am to discuss its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 27, 2010 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

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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: January 28, 2010

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN  
JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1      Press Release dated January 27, 2010

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