

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
Form 8-K  
January 02, 2009

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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 2, 2009

First BanCorp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

001-14793

66-0561882

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1519 Ponce de Leon Ave., PO Box 9146, San  
Juan, Puerto Rico

00908-0146

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

787-729-8041

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 2, 2009, First BanCorp (or the "Corporation") issued a press release which announced that the Corporation's Board of Directors has declared the next payment of dividends on First BanCorp's Series A through E Preferred Shares. A copy of the press release is incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 2, 2009

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**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.

First BanCorp.

*January 2, 2009*

By: *Fernando Scherrer*

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*Name: Fernando Scherrer*

*Title: EVP and Chief Finacial Officer*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press Release January 2, 2009 |