COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/ Form 8-K February 05, 2007

# 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) February 5, 2007

#### Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey 1-12069 22-2433468
(State or other jurisdiction of Number) Identification No.)
incorporation or

Commerce Atrium, 1701 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-5400 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including

organization)

area code: (856) 751-9000

N/A

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

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under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

# ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

(c) On February 5, 2007, Commerce Bancorp, Inc. announced that Dennis M. DiFlorio was appointed President of Commerce Bank, N.A. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Mr. DiFlorio, 53, has served as President of Retail Banking and Operations of Commerce since 2004. Prior to 2004, Mr. DiFlorio was Executive Vice President of Commerce. A summary of Mr. DiFlorio's employment agreement is contained in the Company's Annual Proxy Statement filed on April 17, 2006 and such description is incorporated by reference herein.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 5, 2007.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Commerce Bancorp, Inc.

February 5, 2007 By: <u>/s/ Douglas J. Pauls</u>

Name: Douglas J. Pauls

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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<u>Number</u> <u>Description</u>

Press release dated February 5, 2007.