

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

January 17, 2007

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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 16, 2007**  
**BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

FLORIDA

34-027228

65-0507804

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

33309

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (954) 940-5000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 16, 2007, Jarett Levan, a member of the Board of Directors of BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. (the Company ) and President of BankAtlantic, the Company s bank subsidiary, was appointed President of the Company and Chief Executive Officer of BankAtlantic. Mr. Levan is currently an executive officer of the Company, and information regarding his business experience and background can be found in the Company s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 17, 2006. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Levan s appointments is included herein as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated January 16, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.

Date: January 16, 2007

By: /s/ James A. White

Name: James A. White

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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