

Lazar Robert W
Form 5
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FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lazar Robert W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

650 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
STERLING BANCORP [stl]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	7,349 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	2,471	I	By IRA

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of
securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.5	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	06/30/2007 ⁽²⁾ 06/30/2011	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lazar Robert W 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

Robert W. Lazar 02/01/2011

____Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Includes 5,000 shares of restricted common stock issued pursuant to the Sterling Bancorp Stock Incentive Plan. The shares will vest 25%,
- (1) 25%, 25% and 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, subject to accelerated vesting upon death, disability and change in control. The restricted shares were issued on March 25, 2010 and are not transferable until vested.
 - (2) Non-employee directors were granted options for shares of common stock under an automatic grant of options adopted in 2002.

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