STERLING BANCORP Form 8-K/A September 21, 2004

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K/A

Amendment No. 1 to

CURRENT REPORT on Form 8-K Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

| Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) | | September 20, 2004 | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Commission File Number: | 1-5273-1 | | | |
| | | Sterling Bancorp | | |
| | (Exact name o | of Registrant as specifi | ed in its charter) | |
| | New York | | 13-2565216 | |
| | of other jurisdiction incorporation) | | (IRS Employer Identification No.) | |
| 650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York | | | 10019-6108 | |
| (Address of p | rincipal executive office | es) | (Zip Code) | |
| | (212) 757- 3300 | | | |
| (Registrant s tele | phone number, includir | ng area code) | | |
| N/A | | | | |
| | ner address and former ged since last report) | fiscal year, if | | |

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This amendment corrects the numbering of the Form 8-K previously filed on the date hereof to reflect the new numbering requirements of Form 8-K.

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On September 20, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing a presentation on September 23, 2004 by John C. Millman-President of Sterling Bancorp and Michael Bizenov-President of Sterling National Mortgage Company Inc., as part of the LI Invest First Annual Investor Conference. The press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated September 20, 2004

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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: September 21, 2004

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

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| 99.1 | Press Release dated September 20, 2004 |