

Robinson Eliot S  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol
Â Robinson Eliot S	(Month/Day/Year)	STERLING BANCORP [STL]
(Last) (First) (Middle)	03/15/2007	
650 FIFTH AVENUE,Â 4TH FLOOR		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Street)		(Check all applicable)
		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		03/19/2007
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
		___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10019		
(City) (State) (Zip)		

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,942	D	Â
Common Stock	8,836	I	By 401(k)

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

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	02/12/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/12/2009	Common Stock	12,003	\$ 8.69	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	02/11/2001	02/11/2010	Common Stock	11,434	\$ 6.94	D	Â
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	02/06/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	14,175	\$ 14.6	D	Â
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	12/19/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/22/2011	Common Stock	10,500	\$ 26.94	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Robinson Eliot S 650 FIFTH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	Â	Â	Â Exec VP Sterling National Bank	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Robinson,  
Eliot S

03/19/2007

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

- (1) Options became exercisable in two installments on the first anniversary of the grant, for a term of 10 years from date of grant (first exercisable date listed).
- (2) Options became exercisable in three installments on the first anniversary of the grant, for a term of 10 years from date of grant (first exercisable date listed).

- (3) On December 15, 2005 the Board of Directors voted to accelerate the vesting and exercisability of any outstanding unvested and unexercisable non-qualified stock options granted to officers on March 22, 2005 effective as of December 19, 2005; provided, however, that transfer of shares acquired by such exercise is restricted until the date that the option would have been exercisable prior to such change. Such restrictions on transfer will expire as to 10% of the grant on the first anniversary of the date of grant, an additional 15% of the grant on the second anniversary of the date of grant, an additional 25% of the grant on the third anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining 50% of the grant on the fourth anniversary of the grant.

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