

Lazar Robert W  
Form 5  
February 07, 2012

**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)  
12/31/2011

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	11,189 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	2,471	I	By IRA

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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D S B O E I F (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Robert W. Lazar                      01/25/2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Includes 5,000 shares of restricted common stock issued on March 25, 2010 and 2,500 shares of restricted common stock issued on March 24, 2011, pursuant to the Sterling Bancorp Stock Incentive Plan. These shares will vest 25%, 25%, 25% and 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the respective grant dates, subject to accelerated vesting upon death, disability or changed in control. The restricted shares are not transferable until vested.

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