

STERLING BANCORP
Form 8-K
October 19, 2009
UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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) October 16, 2009

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)	Sterling Bancorp
New York (State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)	13-2565216 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)	10019-6108 (Zip Code)
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	(212) 757- 3300
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)	N/A

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REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On October 16, 2009, the Company issued a press release commenting that it is not related to either Sterling Financial Corp. of Spokane, Washington or its Sterling Savings Bank subsidiary or to any other publicly traded company having Sterling in its name. This press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated October 16, 2009 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01)

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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: October 19, 2009

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN
JOHN W. TIETJEN
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated October 16, 2009
