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(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 13, 2017, Edward F. Soccorso tendered his resignation, effective January 20, 2017, as Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of First Bancorp and First Bank.

The terms and conditions related to Mr. Soccorso's departure are outlined in the Severance Agreement and Release of Claims, attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 10.1               | Severance Agreement and Release of Claims by and among First Bancorp, First Bank and Edward F. Soccorso dated January 17, 2017 |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**FIRST BANCORP**

By: /s/ Richard H. Moore  
Richard H. Moore  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 17, 2017

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