

POPULAR INC  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2007

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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):

January 25, 2007

Popular, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-13818

(Commission  
File Number)

66-0667416

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVE, POPULAR  
CENTER BUILDING, HATO REY , Puerto  
Rico

(Address of principal executive offices)

00918

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

787-765-9800

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- 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))

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

On January 25, 2007, Popular, Inc. issued a news release announcing that Michael Masin will join the Board of Directors of Popular, Inc., effective January 25th, 2007. A copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Mr. Masin is currently a senior partner in the New York office of O'Melveny & Myers. Mr. Masin's expertise includes corporate governance, internal investigations, corporate compliance and strategic counseling of corporate clients, (Mr. Masin was previously Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Citigroup). Prior to that, he served as Vice Chairman and President of Verizon Communications.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 News release dated January 25, 2007

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

Popular, Inc.

*January 26, 2007*

By: *Ileana Gonzalez*

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*Name: Ileana Gonzalez*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Comptroller*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>           |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | News release dated January 25, 2007 |