

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Robinson Eliot S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/15/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STERLING BANCORP [STL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner

☒ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Exec VP Sterling National Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person

\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### 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

À

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)
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## Reporting Owners

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

## 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).

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