

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
Form 425  
July 16, 2010

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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):

July 16, 2010

First BanCorp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

001-14793

66-0561882

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

1519 Ponce de Leon Ave., PO Box 9146, San  
Juan, Puerto Rico

00908-0146

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

787-729-8041

Not Applicable

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:

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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 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 16, 2010, First BanCorp. (the "Corporation") announced that it has commenced an offer to exchange up to 256,401,610 newly issued shares of the Corporation's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, for any and all of the issued and outstanding shares of Noncumulative Perpetual Monthly Income Preferred Stock, Series A through E.

A copy of the Corporation's press release announcing the transaction is attached as exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)Exhibits

Exhibit - Description of Exhibit

99.1 - Press Release, dated July 16, 2010

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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.

First BanCorp.

*July 16, 2010*

By: *Lawrence Odell*

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*Name: Lawrence Odell*

*Title: EVP and General Counsel*

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release, dated July 16, 2010 |