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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and AABRAMS I (Last) 650 FIFTH	(First) (M	Symbol STERL Iiddle) 3. Statem (Month/I	 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STERLING BANCORP [stl] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2010 			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	4. If Amo	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting			
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)				(check applicable line)			
NEW YORK, NY 10019						_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivative Se	curitie	es Acqu	iired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) od of (D) 4 and (A) or)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	38,360 (1)	D	Â

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sha
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/30/2007(2)	06/30/2011	Common Stock	4,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ABRAMS ROBERT 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â			

Signatures

Robert Abrams 02/02/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Includes 5,000 shares of restricted common stock issued pursuant to the Sterling Bancorp Stock Incentive Plan. The shares will vest 25%,
- (1) 25%, 25% and 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, subject to accelerated vesting upon death, disability and change in control. The restricted shares were issued on March 25, 2010 and are not transferable until vested.
- (2) Non-employee directors were granted options for shares of common stock under an automatic grant of options adopted in 2002.

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