

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FALESE ROBERT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMMERCE BANCORP
INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST

(Street)

CHERRY HIL, NJ 08034

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/
[CBH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/06/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President, Comm. & Inv.Banking

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | | S(1) | 12,825 D \$ 36.1 | 309,608 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,508 | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | 404 | I | By Wife-IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 0 | I | ESOP Allocation |
| Common Stock | | | | | 40,500 | I | A&R Foundation |

Common Stock 1,617 ⁽²⁾ I 401k

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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FALESE ROBERT D COMMERCE BANCORP INC 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HIL, NJ 08034 | | | President, Comm. & Inv. Banking | |

Signatures

Robert D. Falese Jr. 03/07/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Shares were sold as payment of additional tax liability owed to the Company as a result of Mr. Falese's stock option exercise on February 19, 2008, which was reported on February 22, 2008.
- (2) Clerical error

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