#### HILL VERNON W II

Form 4

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### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HILL VERNON W II			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/ [CBH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  COMMERCE BANCORP, INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST		),	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2005	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
CHEDDY III	(Street)	4	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	Code		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
G.			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/20/2005		G	V	1,000	D	\$0	672,229	D	
Common Stock								43,936	I	By Wife
Common Stock								35,748	I	InterArch
Common Stock								162,904	I	InterArch PS Plan
Common Stock								122,786	I	Hill Family Trust

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Common Stock						134,798	I	Hill Foundation
Common Stock	01/20/2005	J(2)	173	A	\$ 57.7	0	I	J. V. Properties
Common Stock	01/20/2005	<u>L(1)</u>	31	A	\$ 57.7	152,260	I	J.V. Properties
Common Stock						145,542	I	S. J. Dining
Common Stock						148,666	I	U. S. Restaurants
Common Stock						103,680	I	Site Development
Common Stock						4,473	I	Galloway National Golf
Common Stock						2,835	I	401 (k)
Common Stock						37,146	I	ESOP Allocation

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amour Underl Securit (Instr.	nt of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HILL VERNON W II

COMMERCE BANCORP, INC 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST X Chairman, CEO & President

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

**Signatures** 

Vernon W. Hill 01/24/2005

\*\*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) L- Dividend Reinvestment
- (2) J- Purchase under DRIP

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