COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/

Form 4/A March 10, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RAGONE DANIEL J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/ | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | [CBH] | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify | | |
| RAGONE, R. & BEPPLE, 7 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | 04/16/2004 | below) below) | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | |
| HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033 | | | 03/10/2005 | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - No | n-D | erivative : | Securi | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 11/12/2004 | | G | V | 2,400 | D | \$0 | 0 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2004 | | G | V | 300 | D | \$ 0 | 153,078 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/12/2004 | | G | V | 2,400 | D | \$ 0 | 75,628 <u>(1)</u> | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2004 | | L | | 68 | A | \$ 27.8 | 0 (1) | I | By Wife - DRIP |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2004 | | L | | 66 | A | \$ 28.59 | 0 (1) | I | By Wife - DRIP |

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| Common Stock | 07/21/2004 | L | 77 | A | \$ 24.64 | 0 (1) | I | By Wife - DRIP |
|-----------------|------------|---|------|---|-------------|------------|---|-------------------|
| Common Stock | 10/20/2004 | L | 67 | A | \$ 28.46 | 0 (1) | I | By Wife - DRIP |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2004 | G | V 30 | D | \$ 0 | 0 (1) | I | By Wife - DRIP |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2005 | L | 77 | A | \$ 28.85 | 20,145 (1) | I | By Wife - DRIP |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,260 | I | By Wife- IRA |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title and A | Amount of | 8 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onof Derivative | Expiration D | ate | Underlying S | Securities |] |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/ | Year) | (Instr. 3 and | 4) | , |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired | | | | | (|
| | Derivative | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | Security | | | | Disposed of | | | | | |
| | • | | | | (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, | | | | | |
| | | | | | and 5) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |
| Dialetta | | | | | | | | C | | |
| Right to | \$ 31.38 | 03/08/2005 | | A | 7,500 | (3) | 03/08/2015 | Common | 7,500 | |
| Buy (2) | + | 22. 23, 2000 | | | . ,= = 0 | _ | | Stock | . ,200 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| copyrang o may rumay rumay | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| RAGONE DANIEL J | | | | | | |
| RAGONE, RAILBLE, LACATENA & BEPPLE | X | | | | | |
| 76 EUCLID AVE. | Λ | | | | | |
| HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033 | | | | | | |

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Signatures

Daniel J. 03/10/2005 Ragone

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects the company's two-for-one stock split, in the form of a 100% stock dividend, that was declared on February 15, 2005 and effective March 7, 2005.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1989 & 1998 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.
- (3) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th anniversaries of the grant date.

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