COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/

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SECURITIES

may continue. See Instruction

obligations

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DIFLORIO DENNIS M | | | 2. Issuer Name and 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) 09/20/2005 | X Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) President/Retail |
| CHERRY HII | (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 Person |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab l | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secu | rities Acq | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | ally 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 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Dire Owned (D) or | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 09/20/2005 | | J <u>(1)</u> | 20 | A | \$ 30.44 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/20/2005 | | C | 3,791 | A | (2) | 707,451 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 51,276 | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,924 | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 35,418 | I | ESOP Allocation |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day) | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 5.95% Conv Trust Pref Sec of Comm Cap Turst II | \$ 0 (<u>2)</u> | 09/20/2005 | | С | 2,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 03/11/2032 | Common Stock | 3,791 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| DIFLORIO DENNIS M COMMERCE BANCORP INC 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034 | X | | President/Retail | | | | |

Signatures

Dennis M.
DiFlorio
09/22/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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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).
- (1) Purchase under DRIP
- On August 15, 2005, the Company announced the redemption of its publicly traded 5.95% Convertible Trust Preferred Securities issued by Commerce Capital Trust II on May 11, 2002. Pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, each Convertible Trust Preferred Security was converted into 1.8956 shares of Commerce Bancorp, Inc. common stock (equal to a conversion price of approximately \$26.38).

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