

HILL VERNON W II
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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 *
HILL VERNON W II

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO & President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMMERCE BANCORP,
INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2006

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	607,748 A \$ 4.78	0	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2006		F ⁽¹⁾	303,693 D \$ 36.58	0	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2006		G ⁽¹⁾	39,335 D \$ 0	1,606,973	D	
Common Stock					90,078	I	By Wife
Common Stock					71,496	I	InterArch

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Common Stock						333,390	I	InterArch PS Plan
Common Stock						253,154	I	Hill Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2006		G ⁽¹⁾	39,335	A \$ 0	371,988	I	Hill Foundation
Common Stock						314,433	I	J. V. Properties
Common Stock						291,084	I	S. J. Dining
Common Stock						297,332	I	U. S. Restaurants
Common Stock						207,360	I	Site Development
Common Stock						9,045	I	Galloway National Golf
Common Stock						7,103	I	401 (k)
Common Stock						76,410	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)	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Right to Buy ⁽²⁾ <u>(3)</u>	\$ 4.79	12/18/2006		M	607,748	12/18/1997	12/18/2006	Common Stock	607,748

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILL VERNON W II COMMERCE BANCORP, INC 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034	X		Chairman, CEO & President	

Signatures

Vernon W. Hill 12/20/2006

__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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on October 31, 2006.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1997 and 2004 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.
- (3) Reflects the Company's two-for-one stock split, in the form of a 100% stock dividend, that was declared on February 15, 2005.

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