

FRIEDMAN BILLINGS RAMSEY GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2009

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2009

# FRIEDMAN, BILLINGS, RAMSEY GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or Organization)

54-1873198  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

000-50230  
(Commission File Number)

1001 Nineteenth Street North  
Arlington, VA 22209

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(703) 312-9500

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 23, 2009, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing, among other things, that it intends to begin doing business under a fictitious name, Arlington Asset Investment Corporation, and it will seek approval from shareholders at its next annual shareholders meeting in June 2009 to amend its charter to change the Company s corporate name from Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc. to Arlington Asset Investment Corporation. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits*

99.1 Press release issued by Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc. on February 23, 2009.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**FRIEDMAN, BILLINGS, RAMSEY GROUP, INC.**

Date: February 23, 2009

By: /s/ J. Rock Tonkel, Jr.  
J. Rock Tonkel, Jr.  
President and Chief Operating Officer