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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[] Form 3 Holdings Reported
[] Form 4 Transactions Reported

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Ficalora Joseph R.
(Last) (First) (Middle)
615 Merrick Avenue
(Street)
Westbury NY 11590
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol New York Community Bancorp, Inc.
(NYB)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year December 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X Director X Officer ___ 10% Owner ___ Other

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----- (give title below) (specify below)
 President and CEO

7. 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 BENEFICIA

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount, Number of Shares or Units, or Principal Amount (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)
			Code	Amount (A) or (D)	Price (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)
Common Stock					1,172
Common Stock					131
Common Stock					146
Common Stock					272
Common Stock					80

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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TABLE II--DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIAALLY OWNED
 (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion or Exercise Price	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Amount
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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Exercise Date (Month/Day/Year)	Option Code (Instr. 8)
Option to Purchase Common Stock (3)	\$22.23		
Option to Purchase Common Stock (4)	\$27.405		
Option to Purchase Common Stock (5)	\$28.54		
Option to Purchase Common Stock (6)	\$24.61	7/24/02	A

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6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned At End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 4)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
12/21/02	12/21/11	Common Stock	150,000	D
7/24/02	1/24/12	Common Stock	713,812	D
1/21/04	1/21/13	Common Stock	210,000	D
7/24/03	7/24/12	Common Stock	150,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions under Plan ("ESOP") and 401(a) Incentive Savings Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) Shares held in trust under the New York Community Bank Supplemental Benefits Plan ("SERP").
- (3) Options granted under the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. ("NYCB") 1997 Stock Option Plan t

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installments beginning on December 21, 2002.

- (4) Options automatically granted pursuant to the reload feature of the NYCB 1997 Stock Option Plan beginning on July 24, 2002.
- (5) Options granted pursuant to the NYCB 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal annual January 21, 2004.
- (6) Options granted pursuant to the NYCB 1997 Stock Option Plan that vest in three equal installments beginning on July 24, 2002.

/s/ Ilene A. Angarola

February 14, 2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney
For: Joseph R. Ficalora

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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