

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
Form 8-K  
December 28, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): August 25, 2006

FIRST BANCORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Puerto Rico  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

001-14793  
(Commission File Number)

66-0561882  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1519 Ponce de Leon  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00908-0146  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip code)  
(787) 729-8200

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT**

On August 25, 2006, FirstBank Puerto Rico, a wholly owned Puerto Rico-chartered commercial bank subsidiary of First BanCorp, entered into a contract with Bairoa River Park, Inc., an unrelated party, for the purchase by FirstBank of an office building and land (the Agreement ). Pursuant to the Agreement, FirstBank acquired the building and land on August 25, 2006 for a purchase price of \$23,000,000. The property includes a lot with a 90,000 sq. ft. building in San Juan. The building will be remodeled and expanded to approximately 180,000 sq. ft. to accommodate FirstBank s branch operations, data processing and administrative and headquarter offices. FirstBank expects to commence occupancy in the 4th quarter of 2007.

**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: December 27, 2006

By: /s/ Fernando Scherrer  
Name: Fernando Scherrer  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer