

HILL VERNON W II  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/21/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

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

CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 1,292,680 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 87,872 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I  | By Wife                                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 71,496 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I  | InterArch                                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 325,808 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | InterArch PS Plan                          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 245,572 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | Hill Family Trust                          |

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|              |            |  |   |    |   |                    |                   |                   |                            |
|--------------|------------|--|---|----|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |    |   | 322,140 <u>(1)</u> | I                 | Hill Foundation   |                            |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |    |   | 305,446 <u>(1)</u> | I                 | J.V. Properties   |                            |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |    |   | 291,084 <u>(1)</u> | I                 | S. J. Dining      |                            |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |    |   | 297,332 <u>(1)</u> | I                 | U. S. Restaurants |                            |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |    |   | 207,360 <u>(1)</u> | I                 | Site Development  |                            |
| Common Stock | 07/21/2004 |  | L | 34 | A | \$ 24.64           | 0 <u>(1)</u>      | I                 | Galloway National Golf     |
| Common Stock | 10/20/2004 |  | L | 30 | A | \$ 28.46           | 0 <u>(1)</u>      | I                 | Galloway National Golf     |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2005 |  | L | 34 | A | \$ 28.85           | 9,045 <u>(1)</u>  | I                 | Galloway National Golf     |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |    |   |                    | 6,300 <u>(1)</u>  | I                 | 401(k) <u>(4)</u>          |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |    |   |                    | 75,296 <u>(1)</u> | I                 | ESOP Allocation <u>(5)</u> |

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 or Number of Shares |
| Right to Buy <u>(2)</u>                    | \$ 31.38   | 03/08/2005                           |  | A                              | 200,000   | <u>(3)</u>   | 03/08/2015  | Common Stock | 200,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Vernon W. Hill                      03/10/2005

\_\_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) Reflects the Company's two-for-one stock split, in the form of a 100% stock dividend, that was declared on February 15, 2005 and effective March 7, 2005.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1997 & 2004 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.
- (3) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversaries of the grant date.
- (4) Includes shares acquired under the company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (5) Reflects ESOP Allocations that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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