

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/  
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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**COMMERCE BANCORP, INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/21/2005**

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

**CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034**

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

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

(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) Amount	1,292,680	D	
Common Stock				(A) Amount	87,872	I	By Wife
Common Stock				(A) Amount	71,496	I	InterArch
Common Stock				(A) Amount	325,808	I	InterArch PS Plan
Common Stock				(A) Amount	245,572	I	Hill Family Trust

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Common Stock						322,140	I	Hill Foundation	
Common Stock	03/21/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	344	A	\$ 29.04	305,790	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						6,300	I	401 (k)	
Common Stock						75,296	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Date Exercisable      Expiration Date      Title      Amount or Number of Shares

Code V (A) (D)

## 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

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Chairman, CEO & President

## Signatures

Vernon W. Hill

03/21/2005

\*\*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) J- Purchase under DRIP

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