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October 10, 2002

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

October 10, 2002

(Date of earliest event reported)

BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Charter)

Florida

34-027228

(State of other jurisdiction or
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

1750 East Sunrise Blvd.

33304

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

65-0507804

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

(954) 760-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 10, 2002, BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it had called for redemption \$43.65 million of its 9 1/2% Cumulative Trust Preferred Securities effective November 12, 2002. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 10, 2002.

SIGNATURES

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

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ James White

James White
Chief Financial Officer
and Executive Vice President

Dated: October 10, 2002

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press Release dated October 10, 2002