

COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/  
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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 \*  
FALESE ROBERT D

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/19/2008

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Pres., Comm. & Invest. Banking

COMMERCE BANCORP INC, 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST  
(Street)

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

CHERRY HIL, 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/19/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>		21,000	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/20/2008		M		145,016	A	\$ 20.06
Common Stock	02/20/2008		M		140,656	A	\$ 21.4
Common Stock	02/20/2008		M		150,000	A	\$ 29.45
Common Stock	02/20/2008		M		100,000	A	\$ 31.38

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Common Stock	02/20/2008	M	34,751	A	\$ 36.37	765,799	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2008	F	443,366	D	\$ 37.47	322,433	D	
Common Stock						3,508	I	By Wife
Common Stock						404	I	By Wife - IRA
Common Stock						0	I	ESOP Allocation
Common Stock	02/19/2008	J <sup>(1)</sup>	21,000	A	\$ 0	40,500	I	A & R Foundation
Common Stock						1,635	I	401 K

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 of Number of Shares
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 20.06	02/20/2008		M		02/04/2003	02/04/2012	Common Stock	150,000
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 21.4	02/20/2008		M		<sup>(3)</sup>	02/18/2013	Common Stock	150,000
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 29.45	02/20/2008		M		<sup>(3)</sup>	02/03/2014	Common Stock	150,000
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 31.38	02/20/2008		M		<sup>(3)</sup>	03/08/2015	Common Stock	100,000
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 36.37	02/20/2008		M		<sup>(4)</sup>	03/14/2016	Common Stock	150,000

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FALESE ROBERT D COMMERCE BANCORP INC 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST CHERRY HIL, NJ 08034			Pres., Comm. & Invest. Banking	

# Signatures

Robert D. Falese, Jr.	02/22/2008
**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) Transfer among affiliates.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 1997 & 2004 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.
- (3) Under the original terms, the stock options were exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversaries of the grant date. In December 2005, the Board of Directors accelerated all unvested stock options to become immediately exercisable.
- (4) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversaries of the grant date.

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