

POPULAR INC
Form 8-K
January 05, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 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): January 3, 2005

POPULAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

0-13818

66-0416582

*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

**209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE
HATO REY, PUERTO RICO**

00918

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(787) 765-9800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 3, 2005, Popular, Inc. completed the acquisition of Kislak Financial Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Kislak National Bank, a Miami, Florida based commercial bank. Under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement, as amended, Kislak Financial Corporation's shareholders will receive cash in the aggregate amount of \$167.5 million. On January 4, 2005, Popular issued a press release announcing the completion of such acquisition.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit

99.1 News release dated January 4, 2005

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SIGNATURE

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.

POPULAR, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: January 5, 2005

By: **/s/ Ileana Gonzalez**

Ileana Gonzalez

Senior Vice President and Comptroller

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated January 4, 2005