

HILL VERNON W II  
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**FORM 4**

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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)

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

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

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 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) Price	1,292,680 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock				(A) Amount	87,872 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Wife
Common Stock				(A) Amount	71,496 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	InterArch
Common Stock				(A) Amount	325,808 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	InterArch PS Plan
Common Stock				(A) Amount	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 COMMERCE BANCORP, INC 1701 ROUTE 70 EAST 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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