

HILL VERNON W II  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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)  
01/05/2005

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M	100,496 A \$ 5.87	0	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		F	30,867 D \$ 64.47	673,229	D	
Common Stock					43,936	I	By Wife
Common Stock					35,748	I	InterArch
Common Stock					162,904	I	InterArch PS PPlan

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Common Stock	122,786	I	Hill Family Trust
Common Stock	134,798	I	Hill Foundation
Common Stock	152,056	I	J.V. Properties
Common Stock	145,542	I	S. J. Dining
Common Stock	148,666	I	U.S. Restaurants
Common Stock	103,680	I	Site Development
Common Stock	4,473	I	Galloway National Golf
Common Stock	2,835	I	401(k)
Common Stock	37,146	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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Right to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.87	01/03/2005		M	100,496	01/02/1996	01/02/2005	Common Stock	0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

HILL VERNON W II  
COMMERCE BANCORP, INC.    X    Chairman, CEO & President  
1701 ROUTE 70 EAST  
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034

## Signatures

Vernon W. Hill,                      01/03/2005  
II

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Granted under the Company's 1994 and 1997 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.

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