

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
June 16, 2006

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)

June 15, 2006

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Rhode Island	0-13091	05-0404671
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

23 Broad Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 348-1200

Former name or address, if changed from last report: N/A

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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“ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 15, 2006, Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Corporation") issued a press release in which it announced that its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, John C. Warren, has been hospitalized and will undergo coronary bypass surgery within the week. The Corporation's Board of Directors has requested John T. Treanor, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation, assume Mr. Warren's responsibilities during his recovery. A copy of the press release is included herein as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Exhibit

99.1

Press Release dated June 15, 2006*

*Filed herewith

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 16, 2006

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

By:

/s/ David V.

Devault

David V. Devault

Executive Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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