

MILLMAN JOHN C  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MILLMAN JOHN C**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STERLING BANCORP [STL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR**  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

**NEW YORK, NY 10019**

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2006	^	J <sup>(1)</sup>	611 A \$0	306,424	D <sup>(2)</sup>	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	48,373	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	7,477	I	By IRA
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	291	I	Owned By Spouse

Common Stock    Â                    Â                    Â                    Â                    Â                    Â                    1,197                    I                    Owned By Spouse (IRA)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.6	Â	Â	Â	Â (A)    Â (D)	Date Exercisable: 02/06/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> Expiration Date: 02/06/2012	Common Stock    3
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 10.34	Â	Â	Â	Â (A)    Â (D)	Date Exercisable: 02/10/1999 <sup>(4)</sup> Expiration Date: 02/10/2008	Common Stock    12
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 8.69	Â	Â	Â	Â (A)    Â (D)	Date Exercisable: 02/12/2000 <sup>(4)</sup> Expiration Date: 02/12/2009	Common Stock    9

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer                    Other

MILLMAN JOHN C  
650 FIFTH AVENUE  
4TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

Â X                    Â                    Â President    Â

## Signatures

/s/ Millman,  
John C

02/15/2007

\*\*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) Reporting person received an additional 611 shares in his profit sharing plan as a result of dividends held in profit sharing plan and securities issued as a result of stock dividends or splits.
- (2) Reporting person has shared voting and investment power with respect to these securities, except for 12,601 shares held in a profit sharing plan, as to which he has the power to direct the vote. Includes reinvestment of dividends on shares held in profit sharing plan.
- (3) Options become exercisable, commencing on the second anniversary of the grant, in installments over a six-year period for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
- (4) Non-qualified options are exercisable commencing on the first anniversary of the grant for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).

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