

Gambardella Domenic A  
Form 4  
November 02, 2009

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gambardella Domenic A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
MERIDIAN INTERSTATE  
BANCORP INC [EBSB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10 MERIDIAN STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2009

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

EAST BOSTON, MA 02128

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

(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 (1)	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/27/2009		A		5,000	A	\$ 0
					12,500	D	

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)

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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
Stock Options	\$ 8.99	10/27/2009		A		10,000		10/27/2010	10/27/2019	Common Stock	10,000 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 9.5							10/13/2009	10/13/2018	Common Stock	25,000 (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Gambardella Domenic A 10 MERIDIAN STREET EAST BOSTON, MA 02128	X

## Signatures

/s/ Lawrence Spaccasi, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 11/02/2009

\_\_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) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

(3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 13, 2009.

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