

ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc.
Form 425
April 30, 2014

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): April 29, 2014

CENTER BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New Jersey	2-81353	52-1273725
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2455 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (800) 862-3683

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 29, 2014, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits*

Exhibit 99.1 – Press release of the Registrant, dated April 29, 2014.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTER BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Anthony C. Weagley

Name: Anthony C. Weagley

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 29, 2014

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