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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 6, 2018

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## Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-35385  
(Commission  
File Number)

80-0091851  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

400 Rella Boulevard, Montebello, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10901  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (845) 369-8040

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On September 6, 2018, Sterling Bancorp, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiary, Sterling National Bank, a national banking association (the “Bank” and, together with the Company, “Sterling”) announced the departure of Christina M. Favilla as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Sterling effective September 30, 2018. Ms. Favilla will be pursuing opportunities outside of Sterling. Ms. Favilla’s operating responsibilities will be assumed by other members of Sterling’s management team.

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**STERLING BANCORP**

Date: September 7, 2018

By: /s/ Luis Massiani  
Luis Massiani  
Senior Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

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