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CITY NATIONAL CORP Form 8-K January 19, 2006

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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) January 19, 2006

City National Corporation

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10521

95-2568550

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

City National Center 400 North Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(310) 888-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Items 2.02 and 7.01. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION and REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 19, 2006, City National Corporation issued a press release reporting its financial results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. This information is being furnished under both Item 2.02 (Results of Operations and Financial Condition) and Item 7.01 (Regulation FD Disclosure) of Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Press release dated January 19, 2006 reporting the financial results of City National Corporation for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2005.

SIGNATURES

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.

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION

January 19, 2006

/s/ Christopher J. Carey

Christopher J. Carey Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Authorized Officer and Principal Financial Officer)