

DIFRANCESCO DONALD T  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DIFRANCESCO DONALD T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COMMERCE BANCORP INC /NJ/  
 [CBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN,  
 COLEY, YOSPIN, KUN, 15  
 MOUNTAIN BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/22/2004

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

(Street)  
 WARREN, NJ 07059

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price		
Common Stock					3,101	D			
Common Stock					550	I	Wife		
Common Stock	11/22/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	7	A	\$ 57.79	234	I	Wife Drip
Common Stock					148	I		Wife-ESOP Allocation	
					354	I		Wife - 401k	

Common  
Stock

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 40.12	02/04/2002		A	5,000	02/04/2003 02/14/2012	Common Stock	5,000
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 42.8	02/18/2003		A	5,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/18/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Right to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 58.9	02/03/2004		A	5,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/03/2014	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DIFRANCESCO DONALD T DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY, YOSPIN, KUN 15 MOUNTAIN BLVD. WARREN, NJ 07059				X

## Signatures

Donald T.  
DiFrancesco 11/24/2004

<sup>(2)</sup>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) J Purchase under DRIP.

(2) Granted under the Company's 1997 Employee Stock Option Plans, which are 16b-3 plans.

(3) The stock options are exercisable in 25% increments on the 1ST, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversaries of the grant date.

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