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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

(Print of Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*
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|---|---------|----------|
| Pauls                                     | Douglas |          |
| -----                                     | -----   | -----    |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) |
| Commerce Bancorp, Inc. 1701 Route 70 East |         |          |
| -----                                     |         |          |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |
| Cherry Hill                               | NJ      | 08034    |
| -----                                     | -----   | -----    |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
- Commerce Bancorp, Inc. (CBH)
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3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)
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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
- April 21, 2003
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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
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6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President  
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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable line)

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,  
or Beneficially Owned

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| 1.<br>Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Trans-<br>action<br>Date<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 2A.<br>Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if<br>any<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)<br>-----<br>Code V | 4.<br>Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>-----<br>Amount | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price   |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|------------------|---------|
| -----                                 |  |   |  |   |                  |         |
| Common Stock                          |  |   |  |   |                  |         |
| Common Stock                          | 3/20/03                                      |   | *J   | 13 s/s  | A                | \$36.15 |
| Common Stock                          |  |   |  |   |                  |         |
| -----                                 |  |   |  |   |                  |         |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. (\*J Purchase under DRIP)

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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.<br>Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                             | 2.<br>Conver-<br>sion<br>or<br>Exer-<br>cise<br>Price<br>of<br>Deriv-<br>ative<br>Secur-<br>ity | 3.<br>Trans-<br>action<br>Date<br>(mm/dd/<br>yy) | 3A.<br>Deemed<br>Execut-<br>ion<br>Date if<br>any<br>(mm/dd/<br>yy) | 4.<br>Trans-<br>action<br>Code<br>(Instr.<br>8)<br>-----<br>Code V | 5.<br>Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4 and 5)<br>-----<br>(A) (D) | 6.<br>Date<br>Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>-----<br>Date Expira-<br>tion<br>Date | 7.<br>Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)<br>-----<br>Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| Right to Buy<br>**   |   |  |   |  |  | 12/18/97 12/18/06   | Common<br>Stock 4,110  |
| Right to Buy<br>**   |   |  |   |  |  | 12/16/98 12/16/07   | Common<br>Stock 11,976   |
| Right to Buy<br>**   |   |  |   |  |  | 12/15/99 12/15/08   | Common<br>Stock 18,534   |
| Right to Buy<br>**   |   |  |   |  |  | 12/21/00 12/21/09   | Common<br>Stock 21,000   |
| Right to Buy<br>**   |   |  |   |  |  | 1/31/02 1/31/11   | Common<br>Stock 30,000   |
| Right to Buy<br>**   |   |  |   |  |  | 02/04/03 02/04/12   | Common<br>Stock 20,000   |
| 5.95% Convertible<br>Trust Preferred<br>Securities of Commerce<br>Capital Trust II |   |  |   |  |  | (1) 03/11/32<br>(1)   | Common<br>Stock 1,895  |

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|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Right to Buy<br>**                                     | \$42.80   |  |   |  |  | 2/18/04 2/18/13  | Common<br>Stock 6,250 --   |
| Right to Buy<br>**                                     | \$42.80   |  |   |  |  | 2/18/05 2/18/13  | Common<br>Stock 6,250 --   |
| Right to Buy<br>**                                     | \$42.80   |  |   |  |  | 2/18/06 2/18/13  | Common<br>Stock 6,250 --   |
| Right to Buy<br>**                                     | \$42.80   |  |   |  |  | 2/18/07 2/18/13  | Common<br>Stock 6,250 --   |

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/s/ Douglas Pauls

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission (a) that the person filing this Statement is, for the purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended), the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this Statement, or (b) that this Statement is legally required to be filed by such person.

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