

BANCORP RHODE ISLAND INC

Form 8-K

September 23, 2005

**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): September 23, 2005 (September 20, 2005)

BANCORP RHODE ISLAND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Rhode Island

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

333-33182

05-0509802

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number) One Turks Head Place, Providence, Rhode Island
02903

(Address of principal executive offices) (401) 456-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On September 22, 2005, the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of Bancorp Rhode Island, Inc. (the Registrant) appointed as Chief Business Officer of Bank Rhode Island, the Registrant's wholly owned subsidiary (the Bank), to \$218,000.

ITEM 5.02. APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER

On September 20, 2005, the Bank announced the appointment of James V. DeRentis, 44, to the new position of Chief Business Officer of the Bank. DeRentis will be responsible for all the Bank's retail and commercial business lines and will assume leadership of the Bank's commercial lending operations. DeRentis has been employed by the Bank since 1996 and has served as the Bank's Executive Vice President of Retail Banking since January 2002. Mr. DeRentis's employment agreement with the Registrant and any related transactions is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's annual meeting of shareholders held on May 18, 2005. A copy of the Registrant's press release regarding the appointment is attached as an exhibit to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Press Release regarding Bank organizational realignment.

SIGNATURES

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

BANCORP RHODE ISLAND, INC.

By/s/ Merrill W. Sherman
Merrill W. Sherman
Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 23, 2005