

FIRST BANCORP /PR/
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**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): October 27, 2014

**First BanCorp.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

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| Puerto Rico | 001-14793 | 66-0561882 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction | | (I.R.S. |
| of Incorporation) | | Employer |
| | (Commission | Identification |
| | File Number) | No.) |

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|---|-------------------|
| 1519 Ponce de Leon Ave. | |
| P.O. Box 9146 | 00908-0146 |
| San Juan, Puerto Rico | |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

(787) 729-8200
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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

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:

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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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 27, 2014, First BanCorp. (the “Corporation”), the bank holding company for FirstBank Puerto Rico (“FirstBank” or “the Bank”), issued a press release announcing its unaudited results of operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2014. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the presentation that the Corporation will use at its conference call to discuss its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2014 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference. As announced in a press release dated October 15, 2014, the call may be accessed via a live Internet webcast at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 through the investor relations section of the Corporation’s website: www.firstbankpr.com or through the dial-in telephone number (877) 506-6537 or (412) 380-2001 for international callers. The conference number is 10054531.

The Corporation has included in this release the following financial measures that are not recognized under generally accepted accounting principles, which are referred to as non-GAAP financial measures: (i) the calculation of net interest income, interest rate spread and net interest margin rate on a tax-equivalent basis and excluding changes in the fair value of derivative instruments; (ii) the calculation of the tangible common equity ratio and the tangible book value per common share; (iii) the Tier 1 common equity to risk-weighted assets ratio; (iv) the adjusted pre-tax, pre-provision income, (v) non-interest income adjusted to exclude equity in loss of unconsolidated entity, gain or loss on sales of investment securities and other-than-temporary impairment on investment securities, (vi) non-interest expenses adjusted to expenses related to branch consolidations in Puerto Rico, and Florida and professional service fees specifically related to the acquisitions of mortgage loans from Doral Financial Corporation (“Doral”), and (vii) additional measures of provision for loan and lease losses, provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs, net charge-offs, and net charge-offs to average loans, to exclude the impact of fair value adjustments related to the mortgage loans acquired from Doral in full satisfaction of secured borrowings owed by such entity to FirstBank. Investors should be aware that non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations and should be read only in conjunction with the Corporation’s consolidated financial data prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Management believes that these non-GAAP measures enhance the ability of analysts and investors to analyze trends in the Corporation’s business and to better understand the performance of the Corporation. In addition, the Corporation may utilize these non-GAAP financial measures as a guide in its budgeting and long-term planning process. Any analysis of these non-GAAP financial measures should be used only in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP.

The release includes a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the GAAP financial measures, except for the reconciliation with respect to the calculation of the non-GAAP financial measures “provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs ratio” and “net charge-offs to average loans” excluding the impact of fair value adjustments related to mortgage loans acquired from Doral in full satisfaction of secured borrowings owed by such entity to FirstBank which is included below:

| | Provision for loan and lease losses to Net Charge-Offs (Non-GAAP to GAAP reconciliation) | | Provision for loan and lease losses to Net Charge-Offs (Non-GAAP to GAAP reconciliation) | |
|--|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| | Quarter Ended June 30, 2014 | | Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2014 | |
| (In thousands) | Provision for Loan and Lease Losses | | Provision for Loan and Lease Losses | |
| | | Net Charge-Offs | | Net Charge-Offs |
| Provision for loan and lease losses and net charge-offs, excluding special items (Non-GAAP) | \$ 25,316 | \$ 45,437 | \$ 84,230 | \$ 139,174 |
| <i>Special items:</i> | | | | |
| Loss on acquisition of mortgage loans from Doral in full satisfaction of secured borrowings owed by Doral to FirstBank | 1,428 | 6,908 | 1,428 | 6,908 |
| Provision for loan and lease losses and net charge-offs (GAAP) | \$ 26,744 | \$ 52,345 | \$ 85,658 | \$ 146,082 |
| Provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs, excluding special items (Non-GAAP) | 55.72 % | | 60.52 % | |
| Provision for loan and lease losses to net charge-offs (GAAP) | 51.09 % | | 58.64 % | |

(Dollars in thousands, except per share information)

| | As Reported (GAAP) | Loss on Acquisition of Mortgage Loans from Doral | Adjusted, excluding Loss on Acquisition of Mortgage Loans from Doral (Non-GAAP) |
|--|--------------------|--|---|
| Quarter ended June 30, 2014 | | | |
| Total net charge-offs | \$ 52,345 | \$ (6,908) | \$ 45,437 |
| Total net charge-offs to average loans | 2.19 % | | 1.90 % |
| Commercial and Industrial | 19,036 | (6,908) | 12,128 |
| | 2.69 % | | 1.81 % |

Commercial and Industrial loans net charge-offs to average loans

Nine-month period ended September 30, 2014

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total net charge-offs | \$ 146,082 | \$ (6,908) | \$ 139,174 |
| Total net charge-offs to average loans | 2.04 % | | 1.94 % |
| Commercial and Industrial | 57,263 | (6,908) | 50,355 |
| Commercial and Industrial loans net charge-offs to average loans | 2.72 % | | 2.51 % |

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated October 27, 2014 - First BanCorp Announces Earnings for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2014

99.2 First BanCorp Conference Call Presentation – Financial Results for the Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2014

Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 referenced therein, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 be deemed incorporated by reference in any filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 28, 2014 **First BanCorp.**

By: Orlando Berges
Name: Orlando Berges
Title: EVP and Chief
Financial Officer

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