

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

October 01, 2014

**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): September 30, 2014**

**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation or organization)**

**001-11713**  
**(Commission**  
**File No.)**

**22-3412577**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**975 HOOPER AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08753**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

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**(732)240-4500**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

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

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**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.**

On September 30, 2014, OceanFirst Bank (the Bank), the banking subsidiary of OceanFirst Financial Corp. (the Company), completed the bulk sale of certain non-performing residential mortgage loans with an aggregate carrying value of \$23.1 million, for net cash consideration of \$18.8 million. The sale resulted in a total loan charge-off of \$4.3 million in the quarter ended September 30, 2014. In light of the improved risk profile of its loan portfolio, the Bank will evaluate the overall level of the Allowance for Loan Losses and the required loan loss provision for the quarter ended September 30, 2014. It is anticipated that the net impact on the Company's earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 will be significantly less than the amount of the total loan charge-off.

The vast majority of the non-performing loans sold were originated prior to the financial crisis. The sale represents 56.9% of the Company's reported non-performing loans at June 30, 2014. The full financial impact of the sale will be described in the Company's third quarter 2014 earnings release which will be issued October 23, 2014.

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.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

/s/ Michael Fitzpatrick  
Michael Fitzpatrick  
Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 1, 2014