

CITY NATIONAL CORP
Form 8-K
April 23, 2012

**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) **April 23, 2012**

City National Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-10521
(Commission File Number)

95-2568550
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

City National Plaza
555 S. Flower Street, Los Angeles, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90071
(Zip Code)

(213) 673-7700
(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- 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))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 23, 2012, City National Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the execution of a Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 20, 2012, by and among First American Commercial Bancorp, Inc. (d/b/a First American Equipment Finance), William H. Verhelle, Guy Michael Klingler, the William H. Verhelle Retained Annuity Trust, the Guy Michael Klingler Retained Annuity Trust and City National Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated April 23, 2012.

SIGNATURE

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.

City National Corporation

April 23, 2012

/s/ MICHAEL B. CAHILL

Michael B. Cahill

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated April 23, 2012. |