

SHERMAN MERRILL W  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SHERMAN MERRILL W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BANCORP RHODE ISLAND INC  
 [BARI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 24 CHANNING AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/22/2008

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

PROVIDENCE, RI 02906  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/22/2008		A	1,575 A	\$ 0 (1) 131,210	D (2)	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to purchase)	\$ 32.89	04/22/2008		A	17,600	04/22/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/22/2015	Common Stock	17,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERMAN MERRILL W 24 CHANNING AVENUE PROVIDENCE, RI 02906	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Margaret D. Farrell (Attorney-in-fact for Merrill W. Sherman) 04/23/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares were awarded to the reporting person as part of a restricted stock award under the registrant's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan and vest in three annual installments.
- (2) The reporting person beneficially owns 131,210 shares of the issuer's common stock of which 20,500 shares are held in a custodial account.
- (3) This option is exercisable in five annual installments commencing April 22, 2009.

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