

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2007

**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): February 12, 2007**

**FIRST BANCORP.**

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

**001-14793**

**(Commission File Number)**

**Puerto Rico**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**66-0561882**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**1519 Ponce de Leon**  
**San Juan, Puerto Rico**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**00908-0146**  
**(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On February 15, 2007, First BanCorp (or the Corporation ) announced that it has entered into an agreement with R&G Financial Corporation relating the mortgage-related transactions that the Corporation recharacterized for accounting and legal purposes as commercial loans secured by the mortgage loans and pass-through trust certificates. A copy of the press release that describes the agreement is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press Release dated February 15, 2007 |

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**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: February 16, 2007

FIRST BANCORP

By: /s/ Fernando Scherrer

Name: Fernando Scherrer

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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| 99.1        | Press Release dated February 15, 2007 |