

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
May 16, 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): **May 16, 2014**

**SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-19065**

(Commission File Number)

**52-1532952**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**17801 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Maryland 20832**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(301) 774-6400**

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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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 May 16, 2014, Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing a jury verdict against the Company for compensatory and punitive damages in a case before the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland involving actions by a former employee of CommerceFirst Bank, which was acquired by the Company in 2012. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibits

**Number Description**

99.1 Press release dated May 16, 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.

**SANDY SPRING  
BANCORP, INC.**  
*(Registrant)*

Date: May 16, 2014      By:      /s/ Ronald E.  
Kuykendall  
Ronald E. Kuykendall  
General Counsel and  
Secretary