

FIRST BANCORP /PR/  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13  
or 15(d) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 16, 2003

**First BanCorp.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in this charter)

<hr/> Puerto Rico	<hr/> 001-14793	<hr/> 66-0561882
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

<hr/> 1519 Ponce De León Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico	<hr/> 00908-0146
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (787) 729-8200

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EX-99/PRESS RELEASE DATED JULY 16, 2003

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ITEM 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release dated July 16, 2003.

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 16, 2003, First BanCorp. (the Company ) announced its unaudited results of operations for the second quarter and first half of fiscal year 2003. A copy of the Company s press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. The comparative prior year net income applicable to common stock for the three month ended June 30, 2002 on the Consolidated Statement of Income section contained a typographical error on the July 16, 2003 press release. Accordingly, the amount has been revised and corrected on Exhibit 99.

The information included in this section and Exhibit 99 attached hereto is intended to be furnished under Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition and is included under Item 9 in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant had duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BANCORP.

By: /s/ Annie Astor-Carbonell

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Annie Astor-Carbonell  
Senior Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 18, 2003