BANKATLANTIC BANCORP INC Form 8-K January 17, 2007

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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): <u>January 16, 2007</u> BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

FLORIDA 34-027228 65-0507804

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

33309

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: <u>(954) 940-500</u>0 Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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On January 16, 2007, Jarett Levan, a member of the Board of Directors of BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) and President of BankAtlantic, the Company s bank subsidiary, was appointed President of the Company and Chief Executive Officer of BankAtlantic. Mr. Levan is currently an executive officer of the Company, and information regarding his business experience and background can be found in the Company s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 17, 2006. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Levan s appointments is included herein as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 16, 2007.

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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.

BANKATLANTIC BANCORP, INC.

Date: January 16, 2007

By: /s/ James A. White

Name: James A. White Title: Chief Financial Officer

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