# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.) \*

Sterling Bancorp Inc (SBT)					
(Name of Issuer)					
Common Stock					
(Title of Class of Securities)					
85917W102					
(CUSIP Number)					
02/08/2021					
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)					
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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:					
□ Rule 13d-1(b)					
☑ Rule 13d-1(c)					
D. Dule 12d 1(d)					
□ Rule 13d-1(d)					

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

<sup>\*</sup> The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1	I.R.S. II		NG PERSONS ON NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS	FJ Capital Management	
2	CHECK GROUP		PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A	(a) ☑ (b) □	
3	SEC US	SE ONLY			
4	CITIZE	NSHIP OR PL	ACE OF ORGANIZATION	Delaware	
NUMBER SHARES		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIA OWNED I		6	SHARED VOTING POWER	2,501,503 (1)	
EACH REPORTIN		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
PERSON WITH:	J	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	2,501,503 (1)	
9		EGATE AMOU TING PERSO	INT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH N	2,501,503 (1)	
10		BOX IF THE	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 N SHARES		
11	PERCE 9	NT OF CLASS	S REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW	5.01%	
12	TYPE C	F REPORTIN	G PERSON	IA	

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of 2,106,308 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by Financial Opportunity Fund LLC and 114,029 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC, of which FJ Capital Management LLC is the managing member, and 281,166 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by managed accounts that FJ Capital Management manages; as such, the Reporting Person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of reported shares but as to which the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.

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1	I.R.S. II		NG PERSONS ION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS	Financial Opportunity Fund LLC	
2	CHECK GROUP		OPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A	(a) ☑ (b) □	
3	SEC US	SE ONLY			
4	CITIZE	NSHIP OR PI	LACE OF ORGANIZATION	Delaware	
NUMBER SHARES		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIA OWNED I		6	SHARED VOTING POWER	2,106,308 (1)	
EACH REPORTII	NG	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
PERSON WITH:	Ŋ	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	2,106,308 (1)	
9		EGATE AMOU TING PERSO	JNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH N	2,106,308 (1)	
10		EBOX IF THE	E AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 IN SHARES		
11	PERCE 9	NT OF CLAS	S REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW	4.21%	
12	ТҮРЕ С	F REPORTIN	IG PERSON	00	

 $<sup>(1) \</sup>quad \text{Consists of 2,} 106,\!308 \text{ shares of common stock of the Issuer held by Financial Opportunity Fund, LLC.}$ 

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1	I.R.S. II		NG PERSONS ON NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS	Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC	
2	CHECK GROUP		PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A	(a) ☑ (b) □	
3	SEC US	SE ONLY			
4	CITIZE	NSHIP OR PL	ACE OF ORGANIZATION	Delaware	
NUMBER SHARES		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIA OWNED I		6	SHARED VOTING POWER	114,029 (1)	
EACH REPORTII		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
PERSON WITH:	N	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	114,029 (1)	
9		EGATE AMOU TING PERSO	JNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH N	114,029 (1)	
10		C BOX IF THE DES CERTAI	E AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 N SHARES		
11	PERCE 9	TOF CLAS	S REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW	0.23%	
12	TYPE C	F REPORTIN	IG PERSON	00	

 $<sup>(1) \</sup>quad \text{Consists of } 114{,}029 \text{ shares of common stock of the Issuer held by Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund, LLC.}$ 

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1	I.R.S. II		ΓING PERSONS ΓΙΟΝ ΝΟ. OF ABOVE PERSONS	Martin Friedman	
2	CHECK GROUI		OPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A	(a) ☑ (b) □	
3	SEC US	SE ONLY			
4	CITIZE	NSHIP OR I	PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	United States	
NUMBER SHARE		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		6	SHARED VOTING POWER	2,501,503 (1)	
EACH REPORTI		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
PERSO: WITH:		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	2,501,503 (1)	
9		EGATE AMO	DUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH ON	2,501,503 (1)	
10			IE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 AIN SHARES		
11	PERCE 9	NT OF CLA	SS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW	5.01%	
12	ТҮРЕ О	OF REPORT	ING PERSON	IN	

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of 2,106,308 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by Financial Opportunity Fund LLC and 114,029 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC, of which FJ Capital Management LLC is the managing member, and 281,166 shares of common stock of the Issuer held by managed accounts that FJ Capital Management manages. Martin Friedman is the Managing Member of FJ Capital Management LLC; as such, Mr. Friedman may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of reported shares but as to which Mr. Friedman disclaims beneficial ownership.

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Sterling Bancorp Inc

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

One Towne Square, Suite 1900 Southfield, MI 48076

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

This Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following Reporting Persons:

Financial Opportunity Fund LLC

Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC

FJ Capital Management LLC

Martin Friedman

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

FJ Capital Management, LLC 1313 Dolley Madison Blvd, Ste 306

McLean, VA 22101

Financial Opportunity Fund LLC 1313 Dolley Madison Blvd., Ste 306

McLean, VA 22101

Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC 1313 Dolley Madison Blvd., Ste 306

McLean, VA 22101

Martin Friedman

1313 Dolley Madison Blvd., Ste 306

McLean, VA 22101

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Financial Opportunity Fund LLC, Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC, and FJ Capital Management LLC – Delaware limited liability companies

limited liability companies Martin Friedman – United States citizen

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3.	If Th	is Stat	ement is Filed Pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:					
	(a)		Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).					
	(b)		Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).					
	(c)		Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).					
	(d)		Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).					
	(e)		An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);					
	(f)		An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);					
	(g)		A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G);					
	(h)		A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);					
	(i)		A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);					
	(j)		Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).					
Item 4.	Ownership.							
	Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.							
	(a)	Amo	unt beneficially owned:					
	FJ Capital Management LLC – 2,501,503 shares Financial Opportunity Fund LLC – 2,106,308 shares Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC – 114,029 shares Martin Friedman – 2,501,503 shares							
	(b)	(b) Percent of class:						
		Finan Finan	pital Management LLC – 5.01% cial Opportunity Fund LLC – 4.21% cial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC – 0.23% n Friedman – 5.01%					
	(c)	Num	ber of shares as to which such person has:					
		(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote					

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All Reporting Persons - 0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

FJ Capital Management LLC - 2,501,503 shares Financial Opportunity Fund LLC - 2,106,308 shares Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC - 114,029 shares Martin Friedman - 2,501,503 shares

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

All Reporting Persons – 0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

FJ Capital Management LLC – 2,501,503 shares Financial Opportunity Fund LLC – 2,106,308 shares Financial Opportunity Long/Short Fund LLC – 114,029 shares Martin Friedman – 2,501,503 shares

### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following  $\Box$ 

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

N/A.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Due to the relationships among them, the reporting persons hereunder may be deemed to constitute a "group" with one another for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

N/A

#### Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Date: 02/10/2021

#### FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY FUND LLC

By: FJ Capital Management LLC, its Managing Member

By: /s/ Martin Friedman

Name: Martin Friedman Title: Managing Member

#### FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY LONG/SHORT FUND LLC

By: FJ Capital Management LLC, its Managing Member

By: /s/ Martin Friedman

Name: Martin Friedman Title: Managing Member

#### FJ CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Martin Friedman

Name: Martin Friedman Title: Managing Member

/s/ Martin Friedman

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