

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
November 19, 2015

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): **November 17, 2015**

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Maryland</u>	<u>000-19065</u>	<u>52-1532952</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(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**

Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) has settled all claims, including claims for contribution from its insurer, relating to actions by a former employee of CommerceFirst Bank, which was acquired by the Company in 2012, that were the subject of an adverse jury verdict. As a result of the settlement, the Company will recapture approximately \$4.6 million of its litigation reserve in the fourth quarter.

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: November 19, 2015 By: /s/ Ronald E. Kuykendall
Ronald E. Kuykendall
General Counsel and Secretary