

POPULAR INC  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2005

**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): January 3, 2005**

**POPULAR, INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO**

**0-13818**

**66-0416582**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

*(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)*

**209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE  
HATO REY, PUERTO RICO**

**00918**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

*(Zip code)*

**(787) 765-9800**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**NOT APPLICABLE**

*(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)*

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 3, 2005, Popular, Inc. completed the acquisition of Kislak Financial Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Kislak National Bank, a Miami, Florida based commercial bank. Under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement, as amended, Kislak Financial Corporation's shareholders will receive cash in the aggregate amount of \$167.5 million. On January 4, 2005, Popular issued a press release announcing the completion of such acquisition.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit

99.1 News release dated January 4, 2005

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

**POPULAR, INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: January 5, 2005

By: **/s/ Ileana Gonzalez**

Ileana Gonzalez

Senior Vice President and Comptroller

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit Number Description**

99.1 Press release dated January 4, 2005