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 // Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 // Form 4 Transactions Reported

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person CURTIN PATRICK E. (Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN NEW YORK 11211 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC. ("DIME")	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below)
	3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year December 31, 1996
	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	

TABLE 1 -- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	02/01/97	A	15,870 A \$18.64	15,870	I	By RRP Trust
TOTAL				16,708	I	
TOTAL				19,264	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. (Over)

FORM 5 (continued) TABLE II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				(A) (D)	Date Expiration	Title Amount or Number of Shares	
STOCK OPTIONS	\$14.50	12/26/96	A	39,675	12/26/97 12/26/06	COMMON STOCK 39,675	\$14.50

