

Kearny Financial Corp.
Form 8-K
November 14, 2008

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)

November 14, 2008

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

United States
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-51093
(Commission
File Number)

22-3803741
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

120 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey
(Address of principal executive offices)

07004
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(973) 244-4500

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 14, 2008, the Registrant issued a press release concerning its decision to not participate in the TARP Capital Purchase Program. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished with this report.

Exhibit 99.1 -- Press Release dated November 14, 2008.

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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.

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: November 14, 2008

By: /s/ Craig L. Montanaro
Craig L. Montanaro

Senior Vice President and Director

of Strategic Planning