

STURM RUGER & CO INC

Form 8-K

September 27, 2006

**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)**  
**September 21, 2006**  
**STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-10435**  
(Commission File Number)

**06-0633559**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**ONE LACEY PLACE, SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**06890**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(203) 259-7843**

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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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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On September 21, 2006, Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. (the Company ) entered into executive severance agreements (the Agreements ) with the following Executive Officers of the Company:

Stephen L. Sanetti Vice Chairman and President

Thomas A. Dineen Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Thomas P. Sullivan Vice President of Newport Operations

Robert R. Stutler Vice President of Prescott Operations

The Agreements are not employment contracts and do not specify an employment term, compensation levels or other terms or conditions of employment. They provide for certain severance benefits to the executive in the event his employment is terminated under specified circumstances.

Mr. Dineen and Mr. Stutler s Agreements provide for severance benefits, if during the term of the Agreement: (i) there is a Change in Control (as defined in each Agreement) and the officer is subsequently terminated or (ii) there is a Change in Control and there is a reduction in the officer s salary or a diminution of his duties and thereafter the officer terminates his employment.

Mr. Sanetti s Agreement provides for severance benefits if, during the term of the Agreement: (i) there is a Change in Control and he is terminated, (ii) he is no longer President and thereafter he terminates his employment or (iii) there is a reduction in his salary at any time and thereafter he terminates his employment.

Mr. Sullivan s Agreement provides for severance benefits if, during the term of the Agreement: (i) there is a Change in Control and he is terminated, (ii) there is a Change in Control and there is a reduction in his salary and thereafter the officer terminates his employment or (iii) he ceases to report directly to the CEO of the Company and thereafter he terminates his employment.

The Agreements provide for severance benefits consisting of the following primary components:

a lump sum cash payment (payable within 30 days of termination unless such payment is subject to the six-month deferral required by Internal Revenue Code Section 409A) equal to the greater of (i) 18 months (6 months for Mr. Sullivan) of annual base salary and 100% of annual target cash bonus and (ii) 1/2 month of annual salary (as defined in each Agreement) for each year of employment service to the Company; and

continued insurance benefits for a certain time period not to exceed two years from the date that the officer's employment with the Company terminates.

All of the Agreements have a one-year term, subject to automatic extension for additional one-year periods on each anniversary of its date unless either side gives notice of intent not to renew at least one year in advance.

The foregoing descriptions of the Agreements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the complete terms and conditions of the each respective Agreement, which are attached as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Severance Agreement, dated as of September 21, 2006, by and between Sturm, Ruger, & Co., Inc., and Stephen L. Sanetti.
10.2	Severance Agreement, dated as of September 21, 2006, by and between Sturm, Ruger, & Co., Inc., and Thomas A. Dineen.
10.3	Severance Agreement, dated as of September 21, 2006, by and between Sturm, Ruger, & Co., Inc., and Thomas P. Sullivan.
10.4	Severance Agreement, dated as of September 21, 2006, by and between Sturm, Ruger, & Co., Inc., and Robert R. Stutler.

**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.

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas A. Dineen

Name: Thomas A. Dineen

Title: Principal Financial Officer,  
Treasurer and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: September 27, 2006