

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 239 WASHINGTON STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/02/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP and Chief Wealth Mgmt Ofc

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/02/2013		S		2,012	D	\$ 14.8 14,540
Common Stock	05/02/2013		S		690	D	\$ 14.805 13,850
Common Stock	05/02/2012		S		100	D	\$ 14.809 13,750
Common Stock	05/02/2013		S		698	D	\$ 14.8093 13,052
Common Stock	05/02/2013		S		324	D	\$ 14.81 12,728

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Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	617	D	\$ 14.815	12,111	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	400	D	\$ 14.8187	11,711	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	1,100	D	\$ 14.82	10,611	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	300	D	\$ 14.83	10,311	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	100	D	\$ 14.835	10,211	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	300	D	\$ 14.84	9,911	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	1,452	D	\$ 14.8437	8,459	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	100	D	\$ 14.849	8,359	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	1,216	D	\$ 14.85	7,143	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	100	D	\$ 14.855	7,043	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	359	D	\$ 14.86	6,684	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	400	D	\$ 14.87	6,284	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	200	D	\$ 14.88	6,084	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2013	S	212	D	\$ 14.89	5,872	D	
Common Stock						7,670	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock						1,417	I	By ESOP

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 10.34					03/04/2013 03/04/2023	Common Stock	11,598 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 10.27					05/07/2010 05/07/2019	Common Stock	15,000 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nesci James D 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302			EVP and Chief Wealth Mgmt Ofc	

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 05/06/2013  
 Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Stock options are fully vested.

(2) Performance stock options granted on February 3, 2010 which vested on March 4, 2013 based on meeting certain performance criteria.

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