

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WARD KEVIN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
830 BERGEN AVENUE
(Street)

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/01/2007		F	669 D \$ 15.76	76,023	D	
Common Stock					3,800	I	By Wife
Common Stock					34,985 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					2,561 ⁽¹⁾	I	By SERP
Common Stock					5,398 ⁽¹⁾	I	By ESOP

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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)

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. Code	5. Transaction 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. P			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	5,000 ⁽²⁾		
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	330,000 ⁽³⁾		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WARD KEVIN J 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306			Vice Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney

07/02/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.

(3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on July 17, 2008.

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