

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
KUNTZ JOHN F

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)
02/19/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, General Counsel, Secretary

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2014		A		2,232 (1)	A	\$ 0 51,360 D
Common Stock	02/19/2014		A		750 (2)	A	\$ 0 52,110 D
Common Stock	02/19/2014		F		459	D	\$ 16.38 51,651 D
Common Stock					500	I	By Wife's IRA
Common Stock					12,486	I	By ESOP

Common Stock 1,360 ⁽³⁾ I By 401(k)

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. 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 13,403 ⁽⁴⁾	
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2012 02/03/2019	Common Stock 2,324 ⁽⁴⁾	
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010 02/03/2019	Common Stock 7,780 ⁽⁴⁾	
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009 01/29/2018	Common Stock 5,640 ⁽⁴⁾	
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008 01/29/2017	Common Stock 10,698 ⁽⁴⁾	
Stock Options	\$ 18.87					09/21/2007 09/21/2016	Common Stock 10,000 ⁽⁴⁾	
Stock Options	\$ 18.48					03/23/2007 03/23/2016	Common Stock 10,000 ⁽⁴⁾	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP, General Counsel, Secretary

KUNTZ JOHN F
239 WASHINGTON STREET
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

Signatures

/s/ John F.

02/21/2014

Kuntz

**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) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 50% per year over a period ending February 19, 2016

(2) Shares of restricted stock vest on February 19, 2015.

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

(4) Stock options have fully vested.

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