

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

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 *
Christy James A.

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)
03/04/2014

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP, CRO of Provident Bank

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	03/04/2014		A	(A) or (D) 1,675 (1)	\$ 0 10,796	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2014		F	576	\$ 19.1 10,220	D	
Common Stock					1,281 (2)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					8,277 (2)	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)

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)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 10.4							02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	1,560 <u>(3)</u>	
Stock Options	\$ 12.54							01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	1,060 <u>(3)</u>	
Stock Options	\$ 17.94							01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	10,753 <u>(3)</u>	
Stock Options	\$ 18.55							02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	5,000 <u>(3)</u>	
Stock Options	\$ 18.03							07/21/2006	07/21/2015	Common Stock	5,000 <u>(3)</u>	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Christy James A. 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302			SVP, CRO of Provident Bank	

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney

03/05/2014

 **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) Performance stock awards granted on February 3, 2011 which vested on March 4, 2014 based on meeting certain performance criteria.
- (2) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Stock options have fully vested.

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