

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SHEIN JEFFRIES

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)

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

830 BERGEN AVENUE

02/03/2011

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/03/2011 | | A | 6,000 (4) | \$ 0 | 371,602 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 23,026 | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | 383,819 | I | By Deferred Fee Plan |

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 | \$ 12.54 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 01/29/2009 Expiration Date: 01/29/2018 | Common Stock | 8,000 <u>(1)</u> |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 01/29/2008 Expiration Date: 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 7,000 <u>(2)</u> |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.55 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 02/22/2007 Expiration Date: 02/22/2016 | Common Stock | 7,000 <u>(3)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHEIN JEFFRIES 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 | | X | | |

Signatures

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

02/04/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.

(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 February 22, 2011.

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(4) Shares of restricted stock vest on February 3, 2012.

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