

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 *
 LYONS THOMAS M

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)
 02/22/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and CFO

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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

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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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/22/2016		M		10,000	A	\$ 18.55 64,982
Common Stock	02/22/2016		S		100	D	\$ 18.86 64,882
Common Stock	02/22/2016		S		200	D	\$ 18.85 64,682
Common Stock	02/22/2016		S		500	D	\$ 18.84 64,182
Common Stock	02/22/2016		S		173	D	\$ 18.8315 64,009

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Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	1,427	D	\$ 18.83	62,582	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	700	D	\$ 18.82	61,882	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	900	D	\$ 18.81	60,982	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	100	D	\$ 18.805	60,882	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	700	D	\$ 18.8	60,182	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	200	D	\$ 18.79	59,982	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	800	D	\$ 18.78	59,182	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	400	D	\$ 18.775	58,782	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	3,300	D	\$ 18.77	55,482	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2016	S	500	D	\$ 18.76	54,982	D	
Common Stock						6,798	I	By IRA
Common Stock						33,707 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock						10,073 ⁽¹⁾	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)		Title

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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 18.55	02/22/2016	M	10,000	02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options	\$ 10.34				03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Common Stock	12,114 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94				01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	11,024 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 10.4				02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	2,044 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54				01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	1,540 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LYONS THOMAS M 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 02/23/2016

__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 transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(2) Stock options have fully vested.

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