

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 *
MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P

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)
830 BERGEN AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/29/2008

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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/29/2008		A	3,230 (1)	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock					100,824 (2)	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					17,785	I	By Deferred Fee Plan
Common Stock					2,422 (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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 12.54	01/29/2008		A		13,020	(3)	01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	13,020 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94							01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	27,267 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 18.48							03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock	40,000 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306		X	President and COO	

Signatures

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

01/31/2008

__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 20% per year over a period ending on January 29, 2013.

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

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

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

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(5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on March 23, 2011.

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