

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

January 31, 2013

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
01/29/2013

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

(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	01/29/2013		F	63 D	\$ 14.9	8,672	D
Common Stock					1,229 ⁽³⁾	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					7,218 ⁽³⁾	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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock
								1,560 (1)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock
								1,060 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock
								10,753 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock (2)
								5,000 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.03					07/21/2006	07/21/2015	Common Stock
								5,000 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock
								7,000 (2)

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

01/31/2012

**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 February 3, 2014.

(2) Stock options have fully vested.

(3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section of the Securities Exchange Act of 193, as amended.

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