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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2005  
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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware  | 001-31566             | 42-1547151                              |
| -----   | -----                 | -----                                   |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 830 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey | 07306-4599 |
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| (Address of Principal Executive Offices)   | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 333-1000  
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Not Applicable  
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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition.  
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On January 26, 2005, Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting its financial results for the three months and

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full year ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 26, 2005, the Company announced that its Board of Directors took the following actions:

- 1. declared a \$0.07 per share dividend, payable on February 28, 2005 to stockholders of record on February 11, 2005, which represents an increase of 16.7% from the prior quarter's cash dividend; and
2. authorized a new stock repurchase program for the Company to purchase up to 5% of its outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share or approximately 3.7 million shares.

These announcements were included as part of the press release announcing financial results issued by the Company on January 26 and attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. A copy of the press release is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Table with 2 columns: Exhibit No. and Description. Row 1: 99.1, Press release issued by the Company on January 26, 2005 announcing its financial results for the three months and full year ended December 31, 2004, the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend and the authorization of a stock repurchase program.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

DATE: January 26, 2005

By: /s/ Paul M. Pantozzi
Paul M. Pantozzi
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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