

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

August 10, 2011

**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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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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)

239 WASHINGTON STREET

(Street)

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/10/2011

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

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

Chairman, President and CEO

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/10/2011                              |                                                             | P                                    | 5,000 A                                                                 | \$<br>11.75                                                                                                        | 230,341                                                              | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 114,295 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                             | I                                                                    | By 401(k)<br>Plan                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 17,785                                                                                                             | I                                                                    | By<br>Deferred<br>Fee Plan                                        |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 6,905                                                                                                              | 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D) | Date Exercisable                                              | Expiration Date | Title                                                       | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 14.5                                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | 02/24/2012                                                    | 02/24/2021      | Common Stock                                                | 50,000 <sup>(6)</sup>      |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 10.4                                                |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | 02/03/2010                                                    | 02/03/2019      | Common Stock                                                | 16,600 <sup>(2)</sup>      |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 12.54                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | 01/29/2009                                                    | 01/29/2018      | Common Stock                                                | 13,020 <sup>(3)</sup>      |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 17.94                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | 01/29/2008                                                    | 01/29/2017      | Common Stock                                                | 27,267 <sup>(4)</sup>      |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.48                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         |                                                          |     | 03/23/2007                                                    | 03/23/2016      | Common Stock                                                | 40,000 <sup>(5)</sup>      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                         | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P<br>239 WASHINGTON STREET<br>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 | X             |           | Chairman, President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

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

08/10/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* 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 transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

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

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

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

(6) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 24, 2016.

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