

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**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

(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)  
**02/03/2009**

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

**JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/03/2009		A	3,846 (6) \$ 0	201,261	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2009		A	8,580 (7) \$ 0	209,841	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2009		P	500 \$ 10.47	210,341	D	
Common Stock					103,933 (1)	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					17,785	I	By Deferred Fee Plan

Common Stock 3,588 <sup>(1)</sup> 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
Stock Options	\$ 10.4	02/03/2009		A			16,600		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 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306	X		President and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 02/05/2009

        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 March 23, 2011.
- (6) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 1/3 per year over a period ending February 3, 2012.
- (7) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

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