

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 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)
 03/04/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify 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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 03/04/2016 | | A | 3,858 (1) A \$ 0 | 21,190 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | | F | 1,326 D \$ 19.38 | 19,864 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,372 (2) | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,536 (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) | 8. Priority of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | | | | | 01/29/2008 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 10,753 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.54 | | | | | 01/29/2009 01/29/2018 | Common Stock | 1,060 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2010 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 1,560 (3) |

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/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 03/08/2016

**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) Performance vesting stock awards granted on February 19, 2014 based on meeting certain performance criteria.

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

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(3) Stock options have fully vested.

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