

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Nesci James D

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)  
 05/03/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP and Chief Wealth Mgmt Ofc

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-----------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |           |
| Common Stock                    | 05/03/2016                           |  | A                              | 866 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A   | \$ 0   | 12,603  | D |           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 13,291  | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 4,335   | 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)   | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 10.27   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/07/2010   | 05/07/2019  | Common Stock              | 15,000          |       |                            |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 10.34   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/04/2013   | 03/04/2023  | Common Stock              | 11,598          |       |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Nesci James D<br>239 WASHINGTON STREET<br>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 |               |           | EVP and Chief Wealth Mgmt Ofc |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 05/04/2016

\*\*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) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 33.3% over a period ending February 24, 2019.

(2) Stock options have fully vested.

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