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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 8-K

September 04, 2009

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): September 1, 2009  
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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-31566 ----- (Commission File No.)	42-1547151 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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830 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey ----- (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	07306-4599 ----- (Zip Code)
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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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors;  
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Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of  
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Certain Officers

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As previously announced by the Company on February 27, 2009, and in accordance with the Company's retirement policy, effective September 1, 2009 Paul M. Pantozzi retired as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Bank. He will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors. Also effective September 1, 2009, Christopher Martin, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and the Bank, has assumed the title of Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company and the Bank.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits. None.

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: September 3, 2009

By: /s/ John F. Kuntz

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John F. Kuntz  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary