

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 *
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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)
 11/16/2015

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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/16/2015		S		200	D	\$ 20.225
Common Stock	11/16/2015		S		400	D	\$ 20.23
Common Stock	11/16/2015		S		100	D	\$ 20.24
Common Stock	11/16/2015		S		500	D	\$ 20.26
Common Stock	11/16/2015		S		100	D	\$ 20.27

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Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	200	D	\$ 20.28	8,769	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	300	D	\$ 20.29	8,469	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	20	D	\$ 29.295	8,449	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	400	D	\$ 20.3	8,049	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	100	D	\$ 20.305	7,949	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	200	D	\$ 20.31	7,749	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	180	D	\$ 20.3189	7,569	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	200	D	\$ 20.32	7,369	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	100	D	\$ 20.33	7,269	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	150	D	\$ 20.34	7,119	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2015	S	100	D	\$ 20.35	7,019	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,	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
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			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.34	Code V (A) (D)	03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Common Stock	11,598 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 10.27		05/07/2010	05/07/2019	Common Stock	15,000 <u>(1)</u>

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney
 11/18/2015
 **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) Stock options are fully vested.

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