

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 3

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**FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

239 WASHINGTON STREET

(Street)

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/27/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☒ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

SVP, CRO of Provident Bank /  
General Auditor

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 Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

2,512

D

A

Common Stock

1,171

I

By 401(k)

Common Stock

6,309

I

By ESOP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security4. Conversion  
or Exercise5. Ownership  
Form of6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial  
Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options	02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	1,560 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10.4	D	Â
Stock Options	01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	1,060 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 12.54	D	Â
Stock Options	01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	10,753 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 17.94	D	Â
Stock Options	02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	5,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 18.55	D	Â
Stock Options	07/21/2006	07/21/2015	Common Stock	5,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 18.03	D	Â
Stock Options	07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	7,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 18.57	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Christy James A. 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302	Â	Â	Â SVP, CRO of Provident Bank	General Auditor

## Signatures

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

01/31/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.

(3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.

(4) Stock options have fully vested.

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