

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 *
KUNTZ JOHN F

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)
03/07/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, General Counsel, Secretary

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | | M | | 2,324 A \$ 10.4 | 70,273 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | | M | | 3,112 A \$ 10.4 | 73,385 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | | M | | 13,403 A \$ 10.34 | 86,788 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | | M | | 3,384 A \$ 12.54 | 90,172 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | | S | | 703 D \$ 26.38 | 89,469 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 597 | D | \$ 26.37 | 88,872 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 800 | D | \$ 26.36 | 88,072 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 26.35 | 86,472 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 400 | D | \$ 26.34 | 86,072 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 200 | D | \$ 26.33 | 85,872 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 700 | D | \$ 26.32 | 85,172 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 474 | D | \$ 26.31 | 84,698 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 1,003 | D | \$ 26.3 | 83,695 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 2,500 | D | \$ 26.29 | 81,195 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 1,320 | D | \$ 26.28 | 79,875 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 2,427 | D | \$ 26.27 | 77,448 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 2,902 | D | \$ 26.26 | 74,546 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 3,797 | D | \$ 26.25 | 70,749 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 500 | D | \$ 26.24 | 70,249 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 200 | D | \$ 26.23 | 70,049 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 500 | D | \$ 26.22 | 69,549 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 700 | D | \$ 26.21 | 68,849 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2017 | S | 900 | D | \$ 26.2 | 67,949 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,300 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 16,494 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By ESOP |
| | | | | | | 500 | I | |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | 03/07/2017 | | M | 2,324 | 02/03/2012 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 2,324 | |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.34 | 03/07/2017 | | M | 13,403 | 03/04/2013 02/03/2020 | Common Stock | 13,403 | |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | 03/07/2017 | | M | 3,112 | 02/03/2010 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 3,112 | |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.54 | 03/07/2017 | | M | 3,384 | 01/29/2009 01/29/2018 | Common Stock | 3,384 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KUNTZ JOHN F 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 | | | EVP, General Counsel, Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney

03/08/2017

**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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Stock options have fully vested.

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