

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS 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 *
 Wertz Gwendolyn

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [PROV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/25/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

RIVERSIDE, CA 92506
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01	02/25/2014		A	15,000	A	\$ 0	15,000 ⁽¹⁾	D

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)

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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	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 15.14	02/25/2014		A	20,000	02/25/2016 02/25/2024	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wertz Gwendolyn 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/Gwendolyn L.
Wertz 02/25/2014

**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) The direct ownership of 15,000 shares is the result of the restricted stock award granted on February 25, 2014 from the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, where fifty percent vests on 02/25/2016 and the remaining fifty percent vests on 02/25/2018.
- (2) Ms. Wertz was granted 20,000 options to acquire 20,000 shares of Common Stock under Provident's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. Fifty percent of the grant vests on 02/25/2016 and the remaining fifty percent vests on 02/25/2018.

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