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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ODONNELL EDWARD** Issuer Symbol PROVIDENT FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [PFS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 830 BERGEN AVENUE 02/03/2010 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount Code (D) Price Common 6,000 02/03/2010 A D \$0 $81,742 \frac{(1)}{}$ D (6) Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	· · ·		Securities	8. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	3,000 (2)	
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	2,000 (3)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2017	Common Stock	2,000 (4)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	160,000 (5)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Topolong of the family frauess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ODONNELL EDWARD 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306	X					

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney 02/05/2010 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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) Includes 1,442 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- (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 vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on February 22, 2011.
- Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on July 17, 2008.

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(6) Shares of restricted stock vest on February 3, 2011.

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