

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)  
**830 BERGEN AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/23/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Gen Counsel and Secretary

**JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306**  
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/23/2007		F	V Amount D \$ 17.6	33,546	D	
Common Stock					500	I	By Wife's IRA
Common Stock					3,685	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, 4, and 5)	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			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	10,698 (1)		
Stock Options	\$ 18.87					09/21/2007	09/21/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (2)		
Stock Options	\$ 18.48					03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (3)		
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	80,000 (4)		

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address****Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

KUNTZ JOHN F  
830 BERGEN AVENUE  
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

EVP, Gen Counsel and Secretary

## Signatures

/s/ John F.  
Kuntz

03/27/2007

\*\*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 vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on September 21, 2011.

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- (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on March 23, 2011.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on July 17, 2008.

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