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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KUNTZ JOHN F	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 239 WASHINGTON STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2017	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP,General Counsel, Secretary		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/07/2017		A	2,281 (1)	A	\$0	70,230	D	
Common Stock							4,300 (2)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock							16,494 <u>(2)</u>	I	By ESOP
Common Stock							500	I	By Wife's IRA

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	4,668 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	2,256 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KUNTZ JOHN F

239 WASHINGTON STREET EVP, General Counsel, Secretary

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 03/09/2017

**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) Shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 33.3% per year over a period ending March 7, 2020.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Stock options have fully vested.

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