

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
McConnell Arthur

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)  
01/29/2008

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | Code V Amount                                                              | Price                                                                                                              |                                                                      |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            | 90,983                                                                                                             | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Options                                    | \$ 12.54                                                              | 01/29/2008                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                                 | 3,000<br><u>(1)</u>                                            |     | 01/29/2009                                                          | 01/29/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000 <u>(1)</u>                 |
| Stock<br>Options                                    | \$ 17.94                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 01/29/2008                                                          | 01/29/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 2,000 <u>(2)</u>                 |
| Stock<br>Options                                    | \$ 18.55                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 02/22/2007                                                          | 02/22/2016         | Common<br>Stock | 2,000 <u>(3)</u>                 |
| Stock<br>Options                                    | \$ 18.57                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 07/17/2004                                                          | 07/17/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 160,000<br>(4)                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| McConnell Arthur<br>830 BERGEN AVENUE<br>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 | X                                |

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of  
attorney

01/30/2008

\_\_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 on January 29, 2013.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on January 29, 2012.

(3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on February 22, 2011.

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

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