

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BLUNDEN CRAIG G**

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)  
 02/06/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, CEO, 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	02/06/2007		A	15,000	A	\$ 0	425,889 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase	\$ 28.31	02/06/2007		A		30,000		02/06/2008	02/06/2017	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLUNDEN CRAIG G 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506	X		Chairman, CEO, President	

## Signatures

/s/Craig G.  
Blunden

02/07/2007

\*\*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) Includes direct ownership of 345,546 shares which includes the restricted stock award granted on February 6, 2007 from the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan vesting over a five-year period in equal installments beginning on February 6, 2008; and, indirect ownership of 58,115 shares in Mr. Blunden's 401(K) Plan, 8,007 shares in the 401(K) Plan of Mr. Blunden's spouse and 14,221 shares in Mr. Blunden's Employee Stock Ownership Plan account.

(2) Mr. Blunden has previously been granted 66,000 options to acquire 66,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 1996 and 2003 Stock Option Plans. The grants vest ratably over a five-year period and expire in ten years. As a result of the activity described in this notice, Mr. Blunden has been granted 30,000 options to acquire 30,000 shares of common stock under Provident's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. The grant vests ratably over a five-year period and expires in ten years.

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