

KUNTZ JOHN F
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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)
 239 WASHINGTON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/03/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302
 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 42,470 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 500 | I | By Wife's IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 9,842 | 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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | 02/03/2012 | | A | 2,324 (4) | 02/03/2012 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 2,324 (4) |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2010 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 7,780 (1) |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.54 | | | | | 01/29/2009 01/29/2018 | Common Stock | 5,640 (2) |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | | | | | 01/29/2008 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 10,698 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.87 | | | | | 09/21/2007 09/21/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 (3) |
| 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 (3) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KUNTZ JOHN F 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 | | | EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Leonard Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney

02/08/2012

__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 February 3, 2014.
- (2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.
- (3) Stock options have fully vested.
- (4) Performance stock options granted on February 3, 2009 which vested on February 3, 2012 based on meeting certain performance criteria.

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