

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 \*  
**MULKERIN JOHN P**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/03/2009**

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

**830 BERGEN AVENUE**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)  | Amount or Price |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           |  | G                              | V   | 1,000           | D \$ 0  | 397,570  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2008                           |  | G                              | V   | 1,000           | D \$ 0  | 396,570  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/12/2008                           |  | G                              | V   | 1,000           | D \$ 0  | 395,570  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/03/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 4,808<br>(4)    | A \$ 0  | 400,378  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |                 |   | 28,308   | I By IRA                          |

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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. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Options                              | \$ 12.54   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/29/2009 01/29/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 8,000<br><u>(1)</u>                              |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 17.94   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/29/2008 01/29/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 7,000<br><u>(2)</u>                              |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.55   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2007 02/22/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 7,000<br><u>(3)</u>                              |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 02/05/2009

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, 2013.

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- (2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.
- (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 22, 2011.
- (4) Shares of restricted stock vest on February 3, 2010.

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