

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 \*  
 MARTIN CHRISTOPHER 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)  
 239 WASHINGTON STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/04/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President and CEO

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price		
Common Stock	03/04/2016		A		16,847 (1) \$ 0	A	325,722 D
Common Stock	03/04/2016		F		7,799 \$ 19.38	D	317,923 D
Common Stock					136,534 (2)	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					11,741 (2)	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					17,785	I	By Deferred Fee Plan

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 16.38	03/04/2016		A	45,762	03/04/2016 02/19/2024	Common Stock 45,762
Stock Options	\$ 18.34					02/19/2016 02/19/2025	Common Stock 65,972
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009 01/29/2018	Common Stock 13,020
Stock Options	\$ 16.38					02/19/2015 02/19/2024	Common Stock 35,000
Stock Options	\$ 14.88					02/03/2013 02/03/2022	Common Stock 25,000
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010 02/03/2019	Common Stock 16,600
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008 01/29/2017	Common Stock 27,267
Stock Options	\$ 10.34					03/04/2013 03/04/2023	Common Stock 64,433
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2012 02/03/2019	Common Stock 3,718
Stock Options	\$ 18.7					02/24/2017 02/24/2026	Common Stock 76,327
Stock Options	\$ 19.1					03/04/2014 03/04/2024	Common Stock 14,622
Stock Options	\$ 15.23					02/19/2014 02/19/2023	Common Stock 35,000
	\$ 14.5					02/24/2012 02/24/2021	50,000

Stock  
Options

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of  
Attorney

03/08/2016

\_\_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) Performance vesting stock awards granted on February 19, 2014 based on meeting certain performance criteria.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Performance stock options granted on February 19, 2014 at fair market value which vested on March 4, 2016 based on meeting certain performance criteria.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 33.3% per year.
- (5) Stock options have fully vested.
- (6) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year.

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