

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

February 07, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Christy James A.

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

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

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____X____ Other (specify below)
SVP, CRO of Provident Bank / General Auditor

(Street)

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

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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(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)
Common Stock	02/03/2012		F	1,007 D	\$ 14.88 1,408	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		A	1,154 A	\$ 0 2,562	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		A	1,406 (4) A	\$ 0 3,968	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		A	600 (5) A	\$ 0 4,568	D	
Common Stock					1,171	I	By 401(k)

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Common
Stock 6,309 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 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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.4							02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	1,560 (1)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54							01/29/2009	01/29/2009	Common Stock	1,060 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94							01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	10,753 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.87							09/21/2007	09/21/2016	Common Stock	5,000 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.48							03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock	5,000 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.57							07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	7,000 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Christy James A. 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302	SVP, CRO of Provident Bank General Auditor

Signatures

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

02/07/2012

__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) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 1/3 per year over a period ending February 3, 2015.
- (5) Shares of restricted stock vest on February 3, 2013.

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