

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Nesci James D2. 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)  
03/04/2015\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP and Chief Wealth Mgmt Ofc

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 03/04/2015                           |                                                    | A                              | 9,008 (1)                                                         | \$ 0                                                                                          | 20,340                                                   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/04/2015                           |                                                    | F                              | 3,095                                                             | \$ 18.26                                                                                      | 17,245                                                   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 13,291 (2)                                                                                    | I                                                        | By 401(k)                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 3,380 (2)                                                                                     | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Options                                    | \$ 10.34                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 03/04/2013                                                     | 03/04/2023         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 11,598<br>(3)                       |
| Stock<br>Options                                    | \$ 10.27                                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | 05/07/2010                                                     | 05/07/2019         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 15,000<br>(3)                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Nesci James D<br>239 WASHINGTON STREET<br>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 | EVP and Chief Wealth Mgmt Ofc    |

## Signatures

/s/ Leonard Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 03/06/2015

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 3, 2012 (4,269 shares) and February 19, 2013 (4,739 shares) 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) Stock options are fully vested.

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