

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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See Instruction
1(b).**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 *
MULKERIN JOHN P2. 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)

830 BERGEN AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2006☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

(City) (State) (Zip)

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**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)	403,970	D	
Common Stock				Code V Amount (D) Price	26,792 ⁽³⁾	I	By 401(k) ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					625 ⁽³⁾	I	By ESOP ⁽²⁾

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. Date of Selling (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.55	02/22/2006		A		7,000	02/22/2007 02/22/2016	Common Stock
								7,000 (4)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney

02/23/2006

**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) Shares of common stock currently held in the First Sentinel Bancorp, Inc. 401(k) Plan.

(2) Shares of common stock currently held in the First Sentinel Bancorp, Inc. employee stock ownership plan.

(3) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on February 22, 2011.

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