

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 *
HERNANDEZ CARLOS

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)
12/10/2015

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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/10/2015		M	A	\$ 18.55	78,025	D
Common Stock	12/10/2015		S	D	\$ 20.1039	76,025	D
Common Stock						1,450	I By Wife's IRA

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 18.55	12/10/2015		M	2,000	02/22/2007 02/22/2016	Common Stock	2,000 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009 01/29/2018	Common Stock	3,000 <u>(1)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008 01/29/2017	Common Stock	2,000 <u>(1)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERNANDEZ CARLOS 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302			X	

Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney
12/11/2015

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) Stock options have fully vested.

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