

KUNTZ JOHN F  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
KUNTZ JOHN F

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)  
830 BERGEN AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/03/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/03/2009                           |  | A                              | 2,404 (7) A \$ 0  | 32,987  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/03/2009                           |  | A                              | 4,020 (8) A \$ 0  | 37,007  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 500   | I  | By Wife's IRA   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,244   | 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 (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                              | \$ 10.4  | 02/03/2009                           |  | A                              | 7,780  | 02/03/2010 02/03/2019                                    | Common Stock  | 7,780<br><u>(1)</u>           |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 12.54   |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/29/2009 01/29/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 5,640<br><u>(2)</u>           |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 17.94   |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/29/2008 01/29/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 10,698<br><u>(3)</u>          |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.87   |                                      |  |                                |  | 09/21/2007 09/21/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 10,000<br><u>(4)</u>          |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.48   |                                      |  |                                |  | 03/23/2007 03/23/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 10,000<br><u>(5)</u>          |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.57   |                                      |  |                                |  | 07/17/2004 07/17/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 80,000<br><u>(6)</u>          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| KUNTZ JOHN F<br>830 BERGEN AVENUE<br>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 |               |           | EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John F.  
Kuntz

02/05/2009

\*\*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 vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending September 21, 2011.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending March 32, 2011.
- (6) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 17, 2008.
- (7) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 1/3 per year over a period ending February 3, 2012.
- (8) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

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