

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 LYONS THOMAS M

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)
 01/29/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & CAO of the Bank

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2007 | | A | 662 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 | 6,941 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 526 ⁽²⁾ | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,282 ⁽²⁾ | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,200 | I | By IRA |

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) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | 01/29/2007 | | A | | 11,024 | (3) | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 11,024 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.55 | | | | | | | 02/22/2007 | 02/22/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 (4) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.03 | | | | | | | 07/21/2006 | 07/21/2015 | Common Stock | 10,000 (5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LYONS THOMAS M 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 | | | EVP & CAO of the Bank | |

Signatures

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

01/31/2007

__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 restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on January 29, 2012.
 - (2) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and re-allocation from former First Savings Bank ESOP to the 401(k) Plan.
 - (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.

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- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 22, 2011.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 21, 2010.

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