

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 \*  
 WARD KEVIN J

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)  
 12/31/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Former Vice Chairman

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)  
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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 (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>		J <sup>(1)</sup>	21,500 D \$ 0	49,505	D	
Common Stock					3,800	I	By Wife
Common Stock					35,830 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					2,593 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By SERP
Common Stock					5,398	I	By ESOP

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 17.94	12/31/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>		J <sup>(3)</sup>	5,000	01/29/2008 01/29/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options	\$ 18.57	12/31/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>		J <sup>(3)</sup>	66,000	07/17/2004 07/17/2013	Common Stock	330,000 <sup>(4)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WARD KEVIN J 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306			Former Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Kevin J. Ward  
01/03/2008

\*\*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) This transaction reflects the forfeiture of restricted shares on which restrictions have not yet lapsed. The forfeiture occurred pursuant to Mr. Ward's resignation from the company.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) This transaction reflects the forfeiture of unvested stock options pursuant to Mr. Ward's resignation from the company.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 17, 2008.

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