

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 *
 Raimonde Michael A

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)
 SVP of The Provident Bank

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/03/2009		A	(A) or (D) Amount 2,115 (5)	\$ 0 7,385	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2009		A	(A) or (D) Amount 3,540 (6)	\$ 0 10,925	D	
Common Stock					997 (1)	I	By 401(k)

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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	6,840	02/03/2010 02/03/2019	Common Stock	6,840 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009 01/29/2018	Common Stock	5,120 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 17.45					05/07/2008 05/07/2017	Common Stock	15,000 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Raimonde Michael A 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306			SVP of The Provident Bank	

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney

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).

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- (1) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.
- (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending May 7, 2012.
- (5) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 1/3 per year over a period ending February 3, 2012.
- (6) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

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