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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Christy James A.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Other (specify			
239 WASHINGTON STREET			02/19/2018	below) below) SVP, CRO of Provident Bank			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
JERSEY CIT	Y, NJ 0730)2	Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than O Person				
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Monta Day, 1 car)	Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/19/2018		F	212	D	\$ 25.93	21,780	D	
Common Stock							1,456 (1)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock							12,857 <u>(1)</u>	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. Transa Code (Instr. 3		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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	\$ 10.4						02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	1,560

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Christy James A. 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

SVP, CRO of Provident Bank

Signatures

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

02/21/2018

**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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Stock options have fully vested.

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