

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P

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)
239 WASHINGTON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/24/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 308,875 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 135,323 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 11,741 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 17,785 | I | By Deferred Fee Plan |

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 or Number of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.7 | 02/24/2016 | | A | 76,327 | 02/24/2017 ⁽²⁾ | 02/24/2026 | Common Stock | 76,327 ⁽²⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.34 | | | | | 02/19/2016 | 02/19/2025 | Common Stock | 65,977 ⁽³⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.54 | | | | | 01/29/2009 | 01/29/2018 | Common Stock | 13,020 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 16.38 | | | | | 02/19/2015 | 02/19/2024 | Common Stock | 35,000 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2010 | 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 16,600 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | | | | | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 27,267 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.34 | | | | | 03/04/2013 | 03/04/2023 | Common Stock | 64,433 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.48 | | | | | 03/23/2007 | 03/23/2016 | Common Stock | 40,000 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2012 | 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 3,718 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 19.1 | | | | | 03/04/2014 | 03/04/2024 | Common Stock | 14,622 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 15.23 | | | | | 02/19/2014 | 02/19/2023 | Common Stock | 35,000 ⁽³⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 14.88 | | | | | 02/03/2013 | 02/03/2022 | Common Stock | 25,000 ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 14.5 | | | | | 02/24/2012 | 02/24/2021 | Common Stock | 50,000 ⁽⁴⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 | X | | Chairman, President and CEO | |

Signatures

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

02/26/2016

__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 vest at a rate of 33.3% per year over a period ending February 24, 2019.
- (3) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 33.3% per year over a period ending February 19, 2018.
- (4) Stock options have fully vested.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 19, 2019.
- (6) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2017.

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