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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 8-K October 26, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2006

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 001-31566 42-1547151
-----(State or Other Jurisdiction) (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 333-1000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- [X] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On October 26, 2006, Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting its financial results for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be

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deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 25, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors declared a \$0.10 per common share cash dividend, payable on November 30, 2006 to stockholders of record on November 15, 2006, which is consistent with the prior quarter's cash dividend.

This announcement was included as part of the press release announcing financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 issued by the Company on October 26, 2006 and attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. A copy of the press release is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on

October 26, 2006 announcing its financial results

for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and the declaration of a

quarterly cash dividend.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

DATE: October 26, 2006 By: /s/ Paul M. Pantozzi

Paul M. Pantozzi

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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