#### CONNOR GEOFFREY M

Form 4

February 11, 2013

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CONNOR GEOFFREY M Issuer Symbol PROVIDENT FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [PFS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 239 WASHINGTON STREET 02/08/2013 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 ion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/08/2013		S	1,200	D	\$ 15.09	61,682	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2013		S	3,605	D	\$ 15.1	58,077	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2013		S	336	D	\$ 15.12	57,741	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2013		S	100	D	\$ 15.13	57,641	D	
Common Stock							7,500	I	By IRA

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr. Dr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P Der Sect (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	3,000 (1)	
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	2,000 (1)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	2,000 (1)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	160,000 (1)	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Treporting of the Francisco	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other			
CONNOR GEOFFREY M 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302	X					

### **Signatures**

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of 02/11/2013 attorney Date \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

2 Reporting Owners

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# **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) Stock options have fully vested.

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