

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 \*  
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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)  
 02/22/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					35,000	I	By Trust 1 (1)
Common Stock					354,794	D	
Common Stock					0	I	By Trust 2 (2)
Common Stock					0	I	By Trust 3 (3)
Common Stock					0	I	By Trust 4 (4)



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- (1) Shares held by the Morris & Lydia Goldfarb Foundation Trust.
- (2) Reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of 1,595 shares, held by Norman Tanzman Trust U/A 7/23/84 FBO Janice Shein Bershad, as evidenced on prior ownership reports.
- (3) Reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of 1,595 shares, held by Norman Tanzman Trust U/A 7/23/84 FBO Sanders Kleinfeld, as evidenced on prior ownership reports.
- (4) Reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of 1,993 shares, held by Norman Tanzman Trust U/A 7/24/85 FBO Dru Sara Kleinfeld, as evidenced on prior ownership reports.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on February 22, 2011.

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