

JACKSON WILLIAM T
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FORM 4

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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 *
 JACKSON WILLIAM T

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 AVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/21/2008

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)
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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 Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2008 | | F | 4,800 D \$ 14.47 | 83,665 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 800 | I | By Wife |

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. P Der Sec (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 ⁽²⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.55 | | | | | 02/22/2007 | 02/22/2016 | Common Stock | 2,000 ⁽³⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.57 | | | | | 07/17/2004 | 07/17/2013 | Common Stock | 160,000 ⁽⁴⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JACKSON WILLIAM T 830 BERGEN AVE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 08/22/2008

__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) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.

(3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 22, 2011.

(4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 17, 2008.

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