PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P
(Last) (First) (Middle)
830 BERGEN AVENUE
(Street)
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/03/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/03/2009		A		3,846 (6)	A	$ 0	201,261	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2009		A		8,580 (7)	A	$ 0	209,841	D	
Common Stock	02/04/2009		P		500	A	$ 10.47	210,341	D	
Common Stock								103,933 (1)	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock								17,785	I	By Deferred Fee Plan

Common Stock	3,588 (1)	I	By ESOP

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	$ 10.4	02/03/2009		A		16,600		02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	16,600 (2)
Stock Options	$ 12.54							01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	13,020 (3)
Stock Options	$ 17.94							01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	27,267 (4)
Stock Options	$ 18.48							03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock	40,000 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306	X		President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, Pursuant to Power of Attorney	02/05/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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****** 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 transaction 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 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

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

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

(5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending March 23, 2011.

(6) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 1/3 per year over a period ending February 3, 2012.

(7) Shares of restricted stock vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending February 3, 2014.

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