

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

March 07, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BLUM DONALD W

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)
239 WASHINGTON STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/04/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP/CLO of The Provident Bank

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | | M | (A) or (D) Amount 10,000 (1) Price \$ 18.48 | 70,270 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | | S | 321 | D \$ 19.31 | 69,949 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | | S | 79 | D \$ 19.311 | 69,870 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | | S | 154 | D \$ 19.321 | 69,716 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | | S | 1,820 | D \$ 19.32 | 67,896 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | S | 200 | D | \$ 19.325 | 67,696 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | S | 2,876 | D | \$ 19.33 | 64,820 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | S | 2,850 | D | \$ 19.34 | 61,970 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | S | 400 | D | \$ 19.345 | 61,570 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 19.35 | 60,370 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | S | 100 | D | \$ 19.36 | 60,270 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 5,414 ⁽²⁾ | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 15,414 ⁽²⁾ | 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 | \$ 18.48 | 03/04/2016 | | M | 10,000 | 03/23/2007 03/23/2016 | Common Stock 10,000 |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.34 | | | | | 03/04/2013 03/04/2023 | Common Stock 14,046 ⁽³⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | | | | | 02/03/2010 02/03/2019 | Common Stock 8,090 ⁽³⁾ |
| Stock Options | \$ 12.54 | | | | | 01/29/2009 01/29/2018 | Common Stock 6,100 ⁽³⁾ |

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|---------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Stock Options | \$ 17.94 | 01/29/2008 | 01/29/2017 | Common Stock | 10,988 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.4 | 02/03/2012 | 02/03/2019 | Common Stock | 2,417 (3) |
| Stock Options | \$ 18.87 | 09/21/2007 | 09/21/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 (3) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BLUM DONALD W 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 | | | EVP/CLO of The Provident Bank | |

Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of Attorney

03/07/2016

__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) Exercise of stock options expiring on March 23, 2016.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Stock options have fully vested.

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