# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

# FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**

### TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE

### **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 15, 2006

# THE PROVIDENCE SERVICE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

#### Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-50364 (Commission File Number) 86-0845127 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5524 East Fourth Street, Tucson Arizona (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 85711 (Zip Code)

(520) 747-6600

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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" Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is being provided pursuant to Item 2.02. Such information, including the exhibit attached hereto, should not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

On March 15, 2006, The Providence Service Corporation announced earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2005 and issued guidance for 2006. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is being provided pursuant to Item 7.01. Such information, including the exhibit attached hereto, should not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The information contained under Item 2.02 is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
  - 99.1 Press Release dated March 15, 2006.
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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE PROVIDENCE SERVICE CORPORATION

Date: March 16, 2006

By: /s/ Michael N. Deitch Michael N. Deitch

Chief Financial Officer

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