

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**PANTOZZI PAUL M**

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)  
**09/04/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and CEO**

**JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306**

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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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/04/2008                           |  | S                              | 200 D \$ 15.3442  | 188,864   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/04/2008                           |  | S                              | 2,800 D \$ 15.34  | 186,064   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 24,329  | I  | By SERP   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 10,262 <sup>(1)</sup>   | I  | By 401(k)   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,600   | I  | By ESOP   |

Common Stock 1,000 I By Spouse

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options                              | \$ 17.94   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/29/2008 01/29/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 40,000 <sup>(2)</sup>         |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 18.57   |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/17/2004 07/17/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 1,120,000 <sup>(3)</sup>      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| PANTOZZI PAUL M<br>830 BERGEN AVENUE<br>JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney 09/05/2008  
 \*\*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) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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- (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 July 17, 2008.

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