

BLUM DONALD W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
03/04/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify 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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/04/2013		A	7,907 (3) \$ 0	47,966	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2013		F	2,717 \$ 15.09	45,249	D	
Common Stock					3,871 (4)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					11,326	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	\$ 10.34	03/04/2013		A	14,046	03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Common Stock	14,046 (5)
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2012	02/03/2019	Common Stock	2,417 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 10.4					02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock (1)	8,090 (1)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	6,100 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	10,988 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.87					09/21/2007	09/21/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.48					03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock	10,000 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	80,000 (2)

## 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/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney.

03/05/2013

\_\_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 February 3, 2014.
- (2) Stock options have fully vested.
- (3) Performance stock awards granted on February 3, 2010 which vested on March 4, 2013 based on meeting certain performance criteria.
- (4) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (5) Performance stock options granted on February 3, 2010 which vested on March 4, 2013 based on meeting certain performance criteria.

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