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

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obligations may continue. See Instruction STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P Issuer Symbol PROVIDENT FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [PFS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 239 WASHINGTON STREET 02/29/2016 Chairman, President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

(City)	(State) 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common			Code V	Amount 40,000	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock	02/29/2016		M	(1)	A	18.48	348,875	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2016		S	920	D	\$ 18.58	347,955	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2016		S	2,634	D	\$ 18.59	345,321	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2016		S	1,900	D	\$ 18.6	343,421	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2016		S	460	D	\$ 18.61	342,961	D	

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Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	490	D	\$ 18.62	342,471	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	1,600	D	\$ 18.63	340,871	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	2,843	D	\$ 18.64	338,028	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	1,444	D	\$ 18.65	336,884	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	959	D	\$ 18.66	335,925	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	2,502	D	\$ 18.67	333,423	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	2,966	D	\$ 18.68	330,457	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	3,461	D	\$ 18.69	326,996	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	66	D	\$ 18.7	326,930	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	100	D	\$ 18.71	326,830	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	600	D	\$ 18.72	326,230	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	300	D	\$ 18.73	325,930	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	467	D	\$ 18.74	325,463	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	1,210	D	\$ 18.75	324,253	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	177	D	\$ 18.76	324,076	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	400	D	\$ 18.8	323,676	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	810	D	\$ 18.81	322,866	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	100	D	\$ 18.82	322,766	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	1,200	D	\$ 18.83	321,566	D
Common Stock	02/29/2016	S	5	D	\$ 18.84	321,561	D
						135,323 (2)	I

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Common Stock			By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	11,741 (2)	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	17,785	I	By Deferred Fee Plan

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ctionDerivative Securities 8) 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	02/29/2016		M		40,000 (1)	03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock	40,000 (1)
Stock Options	\$ 18.7						02/24/2017	02/24/2026	Common Stock	76,327 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.34						02/19/2016	02/16/2025	Common Stock	65,972 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54						01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	13,020 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 16.38						02/19/2015	02/19/2024	Common Stock	35,000 (5)
Stock Options	\$ 10.4						02/03/2010	02/03/2019	Common Stock	16,600 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94						01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	27,267 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 10.34						03/04/2013	03/04/2023	Common Stock	64,433 (4)
Stock	\$ 10.4						02/03/2012	02/03/2019	Common	3,718

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Options				Stock	<u>(4)</u>
Stock Options	\$ 19.1	03/04/2014	03/04/2024	Common Stock	14,622 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 15.23	02/19/2014	02/19/2023	Common Stock	35,000 (5)
Stock Options	\$ 14.88	02/03/2013	02/03/2022	Common Stock	25,000 (5)
Stock Options	\$ 14.5	02/24/2012	02/24/2021	Common Stock	50,000 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MARTIN CHRISTOPHER P 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302	X		Chairman, President and CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of attorney

**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 vest at a rate of 33.3% per year.
- (4) Stock options have fully vested.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year.

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