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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

if no longer STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to **SECURITIES** Section 16. Form 4 or

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SHEIN JEFFRIES		Symbol	Symbol PROVIDENT FINANCIAL				Issuer			
		SERVI	SERVICES INC [PFS]			(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
830 BERGEN AVENUE 02/22		02/22/2	02/22/2006			below)				
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
		Filed(Mo	Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
JERSEY CI						Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securiti	ies Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) or d of (D) 4 and 5 (A) or		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)	
Common Stock							35,000	I	By Trust 1	
Common Stock							354,794	D		
Common Stock							0	I	By Trust 2	
Common Stock							0	I	By Trust 3 (3)	
Common Stock							0	I	By Trust 4	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities b	eneficially owned directly or indirectly.		V 2 200
Common Stock	383,819	I	By Deferred Fee Plan
Stock	23,026	I	By Wife

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 conf 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	\$ 18.55	02/22/2006		A	7,000	02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	7,000 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·F. · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHEIN JEFFRIES 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306	X						

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney 02/23/2006

**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).

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- (1) Shares held by the Morris & Lydia Goldfarb Foundation Trust.
- (2) Reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of 1,595 shares, held by Norman Tanzman Trust U/A 7/23/84 FBO Janice Shein Bershad, as evidenced on prior ownership reports.
- (3) Reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of 1,595 shares, held by Norman Tanzman Trust U/A 7/23/84 FBO Sanders Kleinfeld, as evidenced on prior ownership reports.
- (4) Reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of 1,993 shares, held by Norman Tanzman Trust U/A 7/24/85 FBO Dru Sara Kleinfeld, as evidenced on prior ownership reports.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on February 22, 2011.

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