

KUNTZ JOHN F
Form 4
August 25, 2008

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KUNTZ JOHN F

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 AVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/21/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(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)		
Common Stock	08/21/2008		F	1,004	D	\$ 14.47	31,085	D	
Common Stock						500	I	By Wife's IRA	
Common Stock						6,244	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)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock
								5,640 (1)
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock
								10,698 (2)
Stock Options	\$ 18.87					09/21/2007	09/21/2016	Common Stock
								10,000 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.48					03/23/2007	03/23/2016	Common Stock
								10,000 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock
								80,000 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KUNTZ JOHN F 830 BERGEN AVE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306	EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

Signatures

/s/ John F.
Kuntz

08/22/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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- (1) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2013.
- (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 September 21, 2011.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending March 23, 2011.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending July 17, 2008.

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