

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
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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 \*  
 Laud Katharine

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)  
 05/02/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock	05/02/2012		P		900	A	\$ 14.62	55,205	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012		P		200	A	\$ 14.63	55,405	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012		P		700	A	\$ 14.6274	56,105	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012		P		100	A	\$ 14.7666	56,205	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012		P		600	A	\$ 14.77	56,805	D	

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Common Stock	05/02/2012	P	300	A	\$ 14.78	57,105	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012	P	2,000	A	\$ 14.7863	59,105	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012	P	400	A	\$ 14.2343	400	I	By spouse's IRA
Common Stock						6,870	I	By IRA
Common Stock						3,729	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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options	\$ 12.54			V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable: 01/29/2009 Expiration Date: 01/29/2018	Common Stock	4,800 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Laud Katharine 239 WASHINGTON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursuant to Power of  
Attorney

05/04/2012

\_\_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 January 29, 2013.

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