

CONNOR GEOFFREY M
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FORM 4

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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 *
CONNOR GEOFFREY M

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2006

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

830 BERGEN AVENUE

(Street)

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

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

JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock					85,683	D	
Common Stock					7,500	I	By IRA
Common Stock					2,000	I	Cust. for Son 1
Common Stock					3,000	I	Cust. for Son 2
Common Stock					0 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Son 3

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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)

Table with 7 main columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Includes entries for Stock Options with prices like \$18.55 and \$18.57.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Relationships include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and Other. Entry for CONNOR GEOFFREY M shows 'X' in the 10% Owner relationship column.

Signatures

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

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
**(1) Reporting person is no longer the beneficial owner of 1,000 shares...
(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year...
(3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year...

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