

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
Form 8-K/A
September 27, 2004

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

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 14, 2004

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-31566 ----- (Commission File No.)	42-1547151 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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830 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey ----- (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	07306-4599 ----- (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 333-1000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On July 14, 2004, the merger of First Sentinel Bancorp, Inc. ("First

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Sentinel") with and into Provident Financial Services, Inc. ("Provident"), as contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 19, 2003 by and between Provident and First Sentinel, was completed through the exchange of 60% of First Sentinel common stock for Provident common stock at an exchange rate of 1.092 per share and the conversion of 40% of First Sentinel common stock into cash at a rate of \$22.25 per share. The aggregate consideration paid in the merger consisted of \$251.9 million in cash and 18,540,662 shares of Provident common stock. The transaction was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting.

This current report on Form 8-K/A is being filed to amend the initial current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Provident on July 16, 2004. The initial report is being amended to include the interim and pro forma financial information required by Item 9.01(a) and (b) of Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial statements of business acquired.
 - (i) The Audited Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition at December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the Audited Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 of First Sentinel are incorporated herein by reference by Exhibit 99.1.
 - (ii) The Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition at June 30, 2004 and the Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Income for the six months ended June 30, 2004 of First Sentinel are included in Exhibit 99.2.
- (b) Pro forma financial information.
 - (i) The Unaudited Combined Condensed Consolidated Pro Forma Financial Data at and for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and for the year ended December 31, 2003 are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.
- (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Financial Statements of First Sentinel (incorporated by reference to First Sentinel Bancorp, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2004).
99.2	Unaudited Combined Condensed Consolidated Pro Forma Financial Data at and for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and for the year ended December 31, 2003.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

DATE: September 24, 2004

By: /s/ Paul M. Pantozzi

Paul M. Pantozzi
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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