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January 31, 2007

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

SHEENAN THOMAS E

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [PFS]			(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	· · ·	(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			X Director Officer (gibelow)		% Owner her (specify		
830 BERGE	01/29/2	01/29/2007								
	(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			
JERSEY CI						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecurionAcquirect Disposect (Instr. 3,	(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						76,167	D			
Common Stock						2,000	I	By Wife		
Common Stock						200	I	By Daughter		
Common Stock						32,046 (2)	I	By VFDP		
Common Stock						147 <u>(2)</u>	I	By DRIP		

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Common Stock 99 $\underline{^{(2)}}$ I By Wife's DRIP

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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	\$ 17.94	01/29/2007		A	2,000 (3)		01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	2,000 (3)
Stock Options	\$ 18.55						02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	2,000 (4)
Stock Options	\$ 18.57						07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	160,000 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SHEENAN THOMAS E 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306	X					

Signatures

/s/ John F. Kuntz, pursuant to power of attorney 01/31/2007

**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) Shares held in the Voluntary Fee Deferral Plan for the Board of Directors.

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- (2) Reflects transaction not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending January 29, 2012.
- (4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on February 22, 2011.
- (5) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on July 17, 2008.

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