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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSI Washington, D.C. 20549							COMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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(Print or Type]	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> 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) 830 BERGEN AVENUE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2009					X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
IEDSEV CI	(Street)			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by M		erson	
JEKSEY CI	ITY, NJ 07306							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Execution any	on Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	07/01/2009			F	259	D	\$ 9.39	67,882	D		
Common Stock								7,500	I	By IRA	
Common Stock								2,000	I	By Son	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 12.54					01/29/2009	01/29/2018	Common Stock	3,000 <u>(1)</u>	
Stock Options	\$ 17.94					01/29/2008	01/29/2017	Common Stock	2,000 (2)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.55					02/22/2007	02/22/2016	Common Stock	2,000 (3)	
Stock Options	\$ 18.57					07/17/2004	07/17/2013	Common Stock	160,000 <u>(4)</u>	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CONNOR GEOFFREY M 830 BERGEN AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306	Х						
Signatures							
/s/ Leonard G. Gleason, Pursua	int to Pow	ver of					

Attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

07/06/2009

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.
- (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 on February 22, 2011.

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(4) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year over a period ending on July 17, 2008.

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