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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
Form 8-K
July 27, 2006

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

FORM 8-K

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 27, 2006

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On July 27, 2006, Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting its financial results for the three months and six

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months ended June 30, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 26, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors declared a \$0.10 per common share cash dividend, payable on August 31, 2006 to stockholders of record on August 15, 2006, which is consistent with the prior quarter's cash dividend. In addition, the Board of Directors authorized the Company's fifth stock repurchase program to commence upon completion of the Company's current repurchase program, under which 1.6 million shares remain to be purchased. The new stock repurchase program authorizes the repurchase of 5% of the current outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, or approximately 3.3 million shares.

These announcements were included as part of the press release announcing financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 issued by the Company on July 27, 2006 and attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. A copy of the press release is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by the Company on July 27, 2006 announcing its financial results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2006, the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend and the authorization of a stock repurchase program. |

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: July 27, 2006

By: /s/ Paul M. Pantozzi

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Paul M. Pantozzi
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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