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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 8-K July 28, 2005

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 28, 2005

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 001-31566 42-1547151

(State or Other Jurisdiction) (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

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):

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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 Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 28, 2005, Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company") issued

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a press release reporting its financial results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2005. 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 27, 2005, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a \$0.08 per common share dividend, payable on August 31, 2005 to stockholders of record on August 12, 2005, consistent with the prior quarter's cash dividend. In addition, the Board of Directors authorized the Company's third stock repurchase program to commence upon completion of the Company's current repurchase program, under which 683,000 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 3.6 million shares.

These announcements were included as part of the press release announcing financial results issued by the Company on July 28, 2005 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

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on July 28, 2005 announcing its financial results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2005, 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 28, 2005 By: /s/ Paul M. Pantozzi

Paul M. Pantozzi Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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