

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ritter Robert Scott

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [PROV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/27/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

RIVERSIDE, CA 92506

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01	09/27/2016		A	15,000	A \$ 0	15,000 ⁽¹⁾	D

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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 19.79	09/27/2016		A	20,000	09/27/2018	09/27/2026	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ritter Robert Scott 3756 CENTRAL AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

/s/Robert Scott
Ritter

09/27/2016

**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) The direct ownership of 15,000 shares is the result of the restricted stock award granted on September 27, 2016 from the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, where fifty percent vests on 9/27/2018 and the remaining fifty percent vests on 9/27/2020.
- (2) Mr. Ritter was granted 20,000 options to acquire 20,000 shares of Common Stock under Provident's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. Fifty percent of the grant vests on 9/27/2018 and the remaining fifty percent vests on 9/27/2020.

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