

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 8-K

December 18, 2017

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): December 13, 2017

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

001-31566

42-1547151

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

239 Washington Street, Jersey City, New Jersey

07302

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 732-590-9200

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 13, 2017, Provident Bank, the wholly owned bank subsidiary of Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the “Company”), completed the sale and leaseback of 12 of its New Jersey banking offices. The transaction will not have a significant immediate impact on the Company’s financial statements as any gain on sale will be recognized over the term of the leases entered into in connection with the sale, generally 10 years.

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.

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.

By: /s/ Christopher
DATE: December 18, 2017 Martin
Christopher
Martin
Chairman,
President and
Chief
Executive
Officer