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## Section 1: SC 13G

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**SCHEDULE 13G**  
(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)**

**PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**74383L105**

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(CUSIP Number)

**July 31, 2020**

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the *Notes*).

(Continued on following pages)

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
M3 FUNDS, LLC	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
STATE OF DELAWARE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5 SOLE VOTING POWER
	N/A
	6 SHARED VOTING POWER
	1,100,500 shares of Common Stock
	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	N/A
	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	1,100,500 shares of Common Stock
9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
1,100,500 shares of Common Stock	
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
5.65% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock	
12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
OO (Limited Liability Company)	

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
M3 PARTNERS, LP	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [ ] (b) [ ]
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
STATE OF DELAWARE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5 SOLE VOTING POWER
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
5.65% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock	
12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
PN (Limited Partnership)	

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
M3F, INC.	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [ ] (b) [ ]
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
STATE OF UTAH, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5 SOLE VOTING POWER
	N/A
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5.65% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock	
12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
CO, IA	

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
Jason A. Stock	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/>	
(b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5 SOLE VOTING POWER
	N/A
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5.65% of the outstanding Common Stock	
12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
IN	

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
William C. Waller	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
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	N/A
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IN	

Item 1. (a) **Name of Issuer:**

Provident Bancorp, Inc. (the "Issuer")

(b) **Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:**

5 Market Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913

Item 2. (a) **Name of Persons Filing:**

M3 Funds, LLC  
M3 Partners, LP  
M3F, Inc.  
Jason A. Stock  
William C. Waller

(b) **Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:**

For all persons filing:

10 Exchange Place, Suite 510  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

(c) **Citizenship:**

M3 Funds, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company  
M3 Partners, LP is a Delaware limited partnership  
M3F, Inc. is a Utah corporation  
Mr. Stock and Mr. Waller are United States citizens

(d) **Title of Class of Securities:**

Common Stock

(e) **CUSIP Number:**

74383L105

Item 3. **If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:**

Not applicable. Filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c).

**Item 4. Ownership.**

4.

	<b>M3 Funds, LLC</b>	<b>M3 Partners, LP</b>	<b>M3F, Inc.</b>	<b>Jason A. Stock</b>	<b>William C. Waller</b>
(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500
(b) Percent of Class:	5.65%	5.65%	5.65%	5.65%	5.65%
(c) Number of Shares to Which Reporting Person Has:					
(i) Sole Voting Power:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(ii) Shared Voting Power:	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500
(iii) Sole Dispositive Power:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(iv) Shared Dispositive Power:	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500	1,100,500

The reported shares are the Issuer's common stock.

All of the reported shares are owned directly by M3 Partners, L.P. ("M3 Partners"), whose general partner is M3 Funds, LLC (the "General Partner") and whose investment adviser is M3F, Inc. (the "Investment Adviser"). The General Partner and the Investment Adviser could each be deemed to be indirect beneficial owners of the reported shares, and could be deemed to share such beneficial ownership with M3 Partners.

Jason A. Stock and William C. Waller are the managers of the General Partner and the managing directors of the Investment Adviser, and could be deemed to share such indirect beneficial ownership with the General Partner, the Investment Adviser and M3 Partners.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

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If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

6.

Not applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary That Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.**

7.

Not applicable.



Item 8. **Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

Not applicable.

Item 9. **Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not applicable.

Item 10. **Certification.**

By signing below, each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**Exhibits**

**Exhibit 1**

Joint Filing Agreement dated August 7, 2020, among M3 Partners, LP, M3 Funds, LLC, M3F, Inc., Jason A. Stock and William C. Waller.

## SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of each of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: August 7, 2020

M3 PARTNERS, LP

By: M3 Funds, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Manager

Date: August 7, 2020

M3 FUNDS, LLC

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Manager

Date: August 7, 2020

M3F, INC.

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Managing Director

Date: August 7, 2020

/s/ Jason A. Stock

Jason A. Stock

Date: August 7, 2020

/s/ William C. Waller

William C. Waller

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## Section 2: EX-1 (JOINT FILING AGREEMENT)

### EXHIBIT 1

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13G (including any and all amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock of Provident Bancorp, Inc. and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement shall be included as an Exhibit to such joint filings.

The undersigned further agree that each party hereto is responsible for the timely filing of such Statement on Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the accuracy and completeness of the information concerning such party contained therein; provided, however, that no party is responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning any other party, unless such party knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

This Joint Filing Agreement may be signed in counterparts with the same effect as if the signature on each counterpart were upon the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has executed this Agreement as of August 7, 2020.

M3 PARTNERS, LP

By: M3 Funds, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Manager

M3 FUNDS, LLC

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Manager

M3F, INC.

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Managing Director

/s/ Jason A. Stock

Jason A. Stock

/s/ William C. Waller

William C. Waller

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