ROSS STORES INC Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FERBER NORMAN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Chairman of the Board

4440 ROSEWOOD

(Month/Day/Year)

05/19/2005

__X__ Other (specify Officer (give title below) below)

DR., BUILDING 4

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Transaction(s)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) any

7. Title and Amount

Underlying Securitie

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amou Exercisable Date or Numb of Shares

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

Non-Qualified Stock Option

(Instr. 3)

\$ 27.69

Price of

Derivative

05/19/2005

A

9,029

(A) or

(1) 05/19/2015

Common Stock

9.02

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FERBER NORMAN A

4440 ROSEWOOD DR.

BUILDING 4

X

Chairman of the Board

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

Signatures

/s/Mark Askanas, Attorney in Fact for Norman Ferber

Date

05/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Grant to reporting person of an option which begins vesting six months from date of grant ('Initial Vest Date'). On Initial Vest Date, grant (1) vests and becomes exercisable as to 1/6 of shares granted and then vests and becomes exercisable as to 1/36 of shares granted per month thereafter.

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