

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person CODY THOMAS G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice Chair						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/20/2003										
(Street) CINCINNATI, OH 45202			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V		Amount (A) or (D) Price							
Common Stock		11/20/2003		M		40,000 A \$ 33.125		80,544		D			
Common Stock		11/20/2003		M		25,000 A \$ 34.375		105,544		D			
Common Stock		11/20/2003		S		65,000 D \$ 48.9542		40,544		D			
Common Stock								955 (1)		I		By 401(k) Plan	

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 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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 33.125	11/20/2003		M	40,000	03/22/1997(2)	03/22/2006	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 33.125	0	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 34.375	11/20/2003		M	25,000	03/28/1998(3)	03/28/2007	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 34.375	25,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CODY THOMAS G C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Vice Chair	

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Thomas G. Cody pursuant to a Power of Attorney

11/21/2003

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reflects matching contributions under the Issuer's 401(k) plan, derived by dividing the value of the undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of November 20, 2003 by \$48.62, the stock price of such date.

(2) The options became exercisable as follows: 10,000 on March 22, 1997, 10,000 on March 22, 1998, 10,000 on March 22, 1999 and 10,000 on March 22, 2000.

(3) The options became exercisable as follows: 12,500 on March 28, 1998 and 12,500 on March 28, 1999.

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