

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

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(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) ____ Director X Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner ____ 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) 11/16/2004					
(Street) CINCINNATI, OH 45202		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			
(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	11/16/2004		M	25,000 A \$ 34.375	65,730.11 (1)	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2004		M	50,000 A \$ 32.4375	115,730.11	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2004		S	75,000 D \$ 55.4725	40,730.11	D	
Common Stock					1,057 (2)	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)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 34.375	11/16/2004		M	25,000	(3) 03/28/2007	Common Stock 25,000	\$ 34.375	0	D	
Options to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.4375	11/16/2004		M	50,000	(4) 02/25/2010	Common Stock 50,000	\$ 32.4375	0	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		11/18/2004
 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) Includes 1 share issued July 14, 2004 which was earned as a dividend on shares granted under the Issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (2) 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 17, 2004 by \$56.68, the stock price of such date.
- (3) Options became exercisable as follows: 12,500 on March 28, 2000 and 12,500 on March 28, 2001.
- (4) Options became exercisable as follows: 12,500 on March 24, 2001, 12,500 on March 24, 2002, 12,500 on March 24, 2003 and 12,500 on March 24, 2004.

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