

## FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person GRAVES EARL G SR		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director ____ Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner ____ Other (specify below)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) EARL G. GRAVES LIMITED, 130 5TH AVENUE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2004					
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10011		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)
Common Stock	04/16/2004		M	2,300 A	\$ 22 4,352	D	

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				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 22	04/16/2004(1)		M	2,300	(2) 05/20/2004	Common Stock 2,300	\$ 0	0	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRAVES EARL G SR EARL G. GRAVES LIMITED 130 5TH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10011	X			

## Signatures

/s/Dennis J. Broderick, as attorney-in-fact for Earl G. Graves, Sr. pursuant to a Power of Attorney	02/17/2005
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) This Form 4 is being filed late because of inadvertent miscommunications between the reporting person and the broker at the time the option was exercised, which delayed the completion of the option exercise procedures.

(2) The option became exercisable in 25% increments on May 20, 1995, May 20, 1996, May 20, 1997 and May 20, 1998.

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