

## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BELSKY JOEL A		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 President and Controller			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2005					
(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	10/14/2005		M		1,750	A	\$ 32.4375
Common Stock	10/14/2005		M		1,250	A	\$ 27.3125
Common Stock	10/14/2005		M		2,000	A	\$ 28.57
Common Stock	10/14/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 63.1158
Common Stock							1,281 (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)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.4375	10/14/2005		M		1,750	03/24/2004	02/25/2010	Common Stock	1,750	\$ 0	0	D
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 27.3125	10/14/2005		M		1,250	08/25/2004	08/25/2010	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 0	0	D
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 28.57	10/14/2005		M		2,000	(2)	03/28/2013	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 0	2,000	D

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

BELSKY JOEL A C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Vice President and Controller	
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## Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Joel A. Belsky pursuant to a Power of Attorney		10/18/2005
 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) 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 October 14, 2005 by \$64.05, the stock price of such date.
- (2) The options became exercisable as follows: 1,000 on March 28, 2004 and 1,000 on March 28, 2005.

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