ROSS STORES INC Form 4 May 19, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BUSH MICHAEL J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

(Check all applicable)

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4440 ROSEWOOD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 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

(Instr. 4)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

2. Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities

Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Security				(I (I	A) or Disposed D) Instr. 3, nd 5)			Expiration Date		
			(Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	*	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified	\$ 27.54	05/18/2006		A	ç	9,351		<u>(1)</u>	05/18/2016	Common	9,35

Stock

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

Reporting Owners

Price of

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BUSH MICHAEL J 4440 ROSEWOOD DR. BUILDING 4 PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X							

Signatures

(Instr. 3)

Stock Option

Mark Askanas, Attorney in Fact for Michael J.
Bush
05/18/2006

**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).

Grant to reporting person of an option which begins vesting six months from grant date ('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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