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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CRIBB GARY L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE,  
BUILDING 4  
(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/14/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP, C.O.O.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 1,500   | A  | \$ 19.02  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 1,500   | D  | \$ 41.5188  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 20,000  | A  | \$ 29.42  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 20,000  | D  | \$ 41.5188  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 58,557  | A  | \$ 28.69  |

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|              |            |   |        |   |            |                       |   |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|-----------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/14/2009 | S | 58,557 | D | \$ 41.5188 | 60,558                | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2009 | M | 19,000 | A | \$ 27.81   | 79,558                | D |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2009 | S | 19,000 | D | \$ 41.5188 | 60,558 <sup>(1)</sup> | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | V   | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 19.02   | 07/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 1,500   | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/20/2013      | Common Stock  | 1,500                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 27.81   | 07/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 19,000  | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/16/2016      | Common Stock  | 19,000                     |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 28.69   | 07/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 58,557  | <u>(2)</u>   | 02/07/2015      | Common Stock  | 58,557                     |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 29.42   | 07/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 20,000  | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/17/2014      | Common Stock  | 20,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| CRIBB GARY L<br>4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, BUILDING 4 |               |           | Executive VP, C.O.O. |       |

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

## Signatures

/s/ GARY L CRIBB EVP AND CHIEF OPERATIONS  
OFFICER

07/16/2009

\_\_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) Securities Beneficially Owned reflects shares acquired pursuant to issuer's employee stock purchase plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Option is exercisable as it vests in monthly increments beginning the first full month from date of grant with a vested ratio of 1/72 for the first year, 2/72 for the second year and 3/72 for the third year.

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