### SARGENT RONALD

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## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* SARGENT RONALD

> (First) (Middle)

C/O THE KROGER CO... 1014

VINE STREET

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

03/31/2012

Symbol

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

KROGER CO [KR]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (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)

7. Title and Amount of 1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a) 5)	(D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	03/31/2012		A		994.8308		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	994.8308

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SARGENT RONALD C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X							

# **Signatures**

/s/ Ronald L. Sargent, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

04/03/2012

\*\*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) Each phantom share represents the right to receive in cash the value of one share of common stock upon distribution from the deferred compensation account.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's services as an Independent Director of Kroger.

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