KROGER CO Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERRY M MARNETTE			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			KROGER CO [KR]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
1014 VINE STR	REET		(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2014	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
((Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CINCINNATI, O	OH 45202		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	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 Acc	uired Disposed of an Reposicially Owner			

(Chij)	(State)	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	or(A) or Dispo	sed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 a	nd 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned Following	Direct (D)	Ownership		
						Reported	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)		
				(<i>A</i>		Transaction(s)	(I)			
			Code V	Amount (I		(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	12/12/2014		F	1,546 D	\$ 61.55	133,640.4964 (2)	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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	Amoun Underly Securit	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title I	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PERRY M MARNETTE 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ M. Marnette Perry, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

12/15/2014

**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) Payment of tax liability associated with restricted stock.
- (2) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

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