STAGE STORES INC

Form 4 June 15, 2005

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 * **LUCAS RON**

(Middle)

10201 S. MAIN STREET

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STAGE STORES INC [STGS]

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

06/14/2005

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

EVP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

HOUSTON, TX 77025

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	06/14/2005		M	5,000	A	\$ 15	8,000	D	
Common Stock	06/14/2005		S	4,400 (1)	D	\$ 43	3,600	D	
Common Stock	06/14/2005		S	100 (1)	D	\$ 43.03	3,500	D	
Common Stock	06/14/2005		S	100 (1)	D	\$ 43.04	3,400	D	
Common Stock	06/14/2005		S	300 (1)	D	\$ 43.05	3,100	D	

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Common Stock 06/14/2005 S $100 \frac{(1)}{2}$ D $\frac{\$}{43.06}$ 3,000 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	06/14/2005		M		5,000	08/24/2002	08/24/2011	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LUCAS RON

10201 S. MAIN STREET EVP, Human Resources

HOUSTON, TX 77025

Signatures

/s/ Ronald Lucas 06/15/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) This sale was made pursuant to a pre-established, written plan for trading securities pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 adopted by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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(2) Includes all derivative securities currently owned by the reporting person, including those previously reported.

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