

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**KRONICK SUSAN D**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

**C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET**

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

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

**CINCINNATI, OH 45202**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/09/2006		M		70,000 A \$ 51.25	85,525 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	03/09/2006		M		23,000 A \$ 32.4375	108,525	D
Common Stock	03/09/2006		M		23,000 A \$ 27.3125	131,525	D
Common Stock	03/09/2006		S		116,000 D \$ 71.2686	15,525	D
						1,643 <sup>(2)</sup>	I

Common  
Stock

By  
401(k)  
Plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 51.25	03/09/2006		M	70,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/27/2008	Common Stock	70,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.4375	03/09/2006		M	23,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/25/2010	Common Stock	23,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 27.3125	03/09/2006		M	23,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 08/25/2010	Common Stock	23,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KRONICK SUSAN D C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Vice Chair	

## Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Susan D. Kronick pursuant to a Power of Attorney

03/10/2006

\_\_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).
- (1) Includes 1 share issued April 1, 2005 which was a dividend on shares granted under the Issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (2) Reflects matching contributions under the Issuer's 401(k) plan, derived by dividing the value of the undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of March 9, 2006 by \$71.29, the stock price of such date.
- (3) Options became exercisable as follows: 17,500 on March 27, 1999, 17,500 on March 27, 2000, 17,500 on March 27, 2001 and 17,500 on March 27, 2002.
- (4) Options became exercisable as follows: 5,750 on February 25, 2001, 5,750 on February 25, 2002, 5,750 on February 25, 2003 and 5,750 on February 25, 2004.
- (5) Options became exercisable as follows: 5,750 on August 25, 2001, 5,750 on August 25, 2002, 5,750 on August 25, 2003 and 5,750 on August 25, 2004.

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