

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
 Form 4
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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 *
 CODY THOMAS G

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)
 C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/24/2006

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

(Street)
 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2006 | | M | A | 60,000 | \$ 51.25 | 86,453 D |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2006 | | M | A | 32,500 | \$ 28.57 | 118,953 D |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2006 | | S | D | 92,500 | \$ 70.3802 | 26,453 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,152 ⁽¹⁾ I |
| | | | | | | | 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 | 02/24/2006 | | M | 60,000 | ⁽²⁾ 03/27/2008 | Common Stock | 60,000 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 28.57 | 02/24/2006 | | M | 32,500 | ⁽³⁾ 03/28/2013 | Common Stock | 32,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CODY THOMAS G C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | | | Vice Chair | |

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Thomas G. Cody pursuant to a Power of Attorney

02/28/2006

__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) 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 February 27, 2006 by \$71.17, the stock price of such date.

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(2) Options became exercisable as follows: 30,000 on March 27, 1999 and 30,000 on March 27, 2000.

(3) Options became exercisable as follows: 16,250 on March 28, 2004 and 16,250 on March 28, 2005.

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