KROGER CO Form 4 June 29, 2011

FORM 4

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

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 * Burt Jeffrey D | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| THE KROGER STREET | . CO., 1014 | VINE | (Month/Day/Year) 06/28/2011 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Group Vice President | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (61) | (0) | (7 :) | | | | | |

| (City) | (State) (| Table Table | e I - Non-D | erivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or Disposed of (D) | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | (4) | Reported | | |
| | | | | (A) | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | or Amount (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 06/28/2011 | | F | 193 (1) D \$ 24.41 | 25,426.204 (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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transaction | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title a | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|---|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (| any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/ | | Underly Securitic (Instr. 3 | ring es | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title N | lumber | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Burt Jeffrey D THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Group Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey D. Burt, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

06/29/2011

**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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