

MCGRADY JAMES A
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FORM 4

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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. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MCGRADY JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3241 WESTERVILLE ROAD

(Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 432243751

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RETAIL VENTURES INC [RVI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CFO, Treas. & Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | | M | | 101,000 A \$ 4.5 | D | |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | | S | | 900 D \$ 12.53 | D | |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | | S | | 400 D \$ 12.54 | D | |

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|---------------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 12.55 | 99,200 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 7,900 | D | \$ 12.56 | 91,300 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 3,200 | D | \$ 12.57 | 88,100 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 12.58 | 86,800 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 6,700 | D | \$ 12.59 | 80,100 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 45,100 | D | \$ 12.6 | 35,000 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 15,900 | D | \$ 12.61 | 19,100 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 6,600 | D | \$ 12.62 | 12,500 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 4,900 | D | \$ 12.63 | 7,600 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 5,200 | D | \$ 12.64 | 2,400 | D |
| Common Stock, without par value | 12/16/2005 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 12.65 | 400 | D |
| | 12/16/2005 | S | 400 | D | | 0 | D |

Common Stock, without par value \$ 12.76

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) 2/3/02 | \$ 4.5 | 12/16/2005 | | M | 101,000 | (1) 02/03/2012 | Common Stock, without par value | 101,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCGRADY JAMES A 3241 WESTERVILLE ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 432243751 | | | EVP, CFO, Treas. & Secy. | |

Signatures

By: By: Robert J. Tannous,
Attorney-in-Fact for
Date: 12/19/2005

**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) Option vests 20% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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