

Ruths Chris Steak House, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
Lavelly Anthony

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Ruths Chris Steak House, Inc.  
[RUTH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
500 INTERNATIONAL  
PARKWAY, SUITE 100  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/09/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP Marketing

HEATHROW, FL 32746-5500

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code                                                                                | V                                                        | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3)                  | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4)          |                 |              |                            |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|
|                                      |                                          |                      | Code V          | (A)                                                             | (D)              | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.19                                 | 08/09/2006           | A               | 3,000                                                           |                  | 08/09/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> | 08/08/2016      | Common Stock | 3,000                      |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                     | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|                                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Lavelly Anthony<br>500 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY, SUITE 100<br>HEATHROW, FL 32746-5500 |               |           | SVP<br>Marketing |       |

## Signatures

|                                                     |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| /s/ Thomas J. Pennison, Jr. under Power of Attorney | 08/10/2006 |
| **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) Options vest and become exercisable pro rata annually over a five-year period following the date of grant, August 9, 2006.

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