

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/23/2004

____ 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
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(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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	11/23/2004		M		13,000	A	\$ 34.375	34,806.71	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2004		S		13,000	D	\$ 56.6197	21,806.71	D	
Common Stock								1,545 ⁽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	\$ 34.375	11/23/2004		M	13,000	(2) 03/28/2007	Common Stock	13,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Vice Chair

Signatures

/s/ Christopher M. Kelly, as attorney-in-fact for Susan D. Kronick pursuant to a Power of Attorney

11/24/2004

__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 November 22, 2004 by \$55.63, the stock price of such date.
- (2) The options became exercisable as follows: 3,250 on March 28, 1998, 3,250 on March 28, 1999, 3,250 on March 28, 2000 and 3,250 on March 28, 2001.

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