

KIRKLANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 2006

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

February 17, 2006

**Kirkland's, Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee

000-49885

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Commission  
File Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

805 North Parkway, Jackson, Tennessee

38305

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of principal executive offices)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

731-668-2444

Not Applicable

\_\_\_\_\_  
Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

Release and Non-Disparagement Agreement with Jack Lewis

On February 17, 2006, Kirkland's, Inc (the "Company") entered into a Release and Non-Disparagement Agreement (the "Agreement") with Jack Lewis, the Company's former President and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to which Mr. Lewis resigned as a director of the Company effective February 17, 2006. Under the Agreement, the Company agreed to provide Mr. Lewis with a lump sum payment of \$250,000 bonus guaranteed under his employment agreement; a lump sum severance payment of \$375,000 in accordance with his employment agreement; an eight-month waiver of that portion of the applicable premium otherwise payable by Mr. Lewis for COBRA continuation coverage equal to the amount contributed by the Company toward the cost of group health insurance for Executive and his eligible dependents immediately prior to the cessation of his employment; and a reduction of Mr. Lewis's non-competition period to eight months. In consideration for the foregoing, Mr. Lewis released and waived any claims he might have against the Company. The Agreement becomes irrevocable seven days following execution of the Agreement by Mr. Lewis.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(b) Jack Lewis resigned as director of the Company effective February 17, 2006.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

*February 22, 2006*

Kirkland's, Inc.

By: */s/ Robert E. Alderson*

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*Name: Robert E. Alderson*

*Title: President and Chief Executive Officer*