

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Bayer Paul Eugene

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC. [NNN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 450 S. ORANGE AVENUE, SUITE 900  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2016

ORLANDO, FL 32801

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	02/16/2016	02/16/2016	A	(1)	6,610 \$ 44.7	176,084	D
Common Stock	02/16/2016	02/16/2016	A	(2)	13,221 \$ 44.7	189,305	D
Common Stock	02/16/2016	02/16/2016	D	(3)	3,664 \$ 0	185,641	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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bayer Paul Eugene 450 S. ORANGE AVENUE SUITE 900 ORLANDO, FL 32801			Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Paul E. Bayer                      02/18/2016

    Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) The shares will vest 25% annually beginning in 2017 through 2020. The Reporting Person has voting and dividend rights on all of these shares, including unvested shares.
- (2) Shares will vest on January 1, 2019 based upon achieving certain total shareholder returns. The Reporting Person has no dividend or voting rights on these shares until the shares have vested.
- (3) Restricted shares forfeited as a result of certain conditions not begin met.

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