

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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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 *
 STIRITZ WILLIAM P

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)
 10401 CLAYTON RD, STE 101
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/31/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

ST LOUIS, MO 63131

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | P | | 8,000 | A | \$ 73.1 |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | P | | 6,000 | A | \$ 73.11 |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 73.12 |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | P | | 300 | A | \$ 73.14 |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | P | | 20,400 | A | \$ 73.15 |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|----------|---------|---|---------|
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 6,900 | A | \$ 73.16 | 45,728 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 8,100 | A | \$ 73.17 | 53,828 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 42,500 | A | \$ 73.33 | 96,328 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 1,200 | A | \$ 73.37 | 97,528 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 11,200 | A | \$ 73.4 | 108,728 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 17,000 | A | \$ 73.41 | 125,728 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 20,400 | A | \$ 73.42 | 146,128 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 4,500 | A | \$ 43.46 | 150,628 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 73.47 | 151,628 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 3,000 | A | \$ 73.5 | 154,628 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 9,700 | A | \$ 73.71 | 164,328 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 6,000 | A | \$ 73.79 | 170,328 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 25,800 | A | \$ 73.8 | 196,128 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 5,000 | A | \$ 73.42 | 5,000 | I | By wife |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 4,000 | A | \$ 73.43 | 9,000 | I | By wife |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 4,500 | A | \$ 73.44 | 13,500 | I | By wife |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 36,500 | A | \$ 73.45 | 50,000 | I | By wife |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 9,600 | A | \$ 73.41 | 59,600 | I | By son |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 4,300 | A | \$ 73.38 | 63,900 | I | By son |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 1,100 | A | \$ 73.36 | 65,000 | I | By son |
| | 03/31/2006 | P | 6,600 | A | \$ 73.4 | 71,600 | I | By son |

Common Stock

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------|---|--------|
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 5,400 | A | \$ 73.41 | 77,000 | I | By son |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 3,000 | A | \$ 73.33 | 80,000 | I | By son |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | P | 7,500 | A | \$ 73.31 | 203,628 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | |
| Phantom Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 03/31/2006 | | A | 163 | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 163 | \$ 70.7 <u>(3)</u> |
| Phantom Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 03/31/2006 | | A | 161 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 161 | \$ 70.7 <u>(3)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STIRITZ WILLIAM P 10401 CLAYTON RD STE 101 ST LOUIS, MO 63131 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for William P. Stirtz pursuant to a Power of Attorney

04/04/2006

__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) 1-for-1 conversion.
- (2) Units are to be settled in Common Stock upon the Reporting Person's termination from the Board of Directors.
- (3) The price noted is the average of the value of the stock units granted each month during the quarter for which this report is filed.
- (4) Units are to be received by the Reporting Person upon termination from the Board of Directors.

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