

DEFEBAGH JAMES E  
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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 \*  
 DEFEBAGH JAMES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1015 A STREET, P.O. BOX 2910  
 (Street)

TACOMA, WA 98402-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TrueBlue, Inc. [TBI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/06/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, General Counsel & Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
Common stock	02/06/2009		A	(A) or (D) A	19,824 (1) \$ 0 50,182 (2)	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)**

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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
Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.08	02/06/2009		A	38,462	02/06/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/06/2016	Common stock	38,462

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEFEBAGH JAMES E 1015 A STREET P.O. BOX 2910 TACOMA, WA 98402-5113			EVP, General Counsel & Sec.	

## Signatures

Matthew S. Topham,  
Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 02/10/2009

\_\_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) The shares acquired represent a grant of restricted stock that will vest over a 3-year period in equal annual installments.
- (2) As of January 31, 2009, Mr. Defebaugh also indirectly holds approximately 7,253 shares of common stock through the TrueBlue 401(k) Plan. These shares are not included in the 50,182 shares shown as held directly in Table 1.
- (3) Options subject to this grant vest on February 6, 2012.

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