

Byrne James Bradley  
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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 \*  
 Byrne James Bradley

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC., 12420  
 STONEBRIDGE ROAD

(Street)

ROANOKE, IN 46783

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/21/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2017                           |  | S                              | 12,292 D  | \$ 12.33 32,605 <sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(1)</sub>   | I  | By James Bradley<br>Byrne<br>Revocable Trust                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 41,122  | I  | By James B. Byrne<br>2016<br>Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 |

|              |                          |   |   |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 500,000                  | I | By James B. Byrne 2017 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1    |
| Common Stock | 4,610,469 <sup>(3)</sup> | I | By Barbara B. Baekgaard 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| Byrne James Bradley<br>C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC.<br>12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD<br>ROANOKE, IN 46783 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James B.  
Byrne

12/26/2017

\_\_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 price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares sold on December 21, 2017 were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.30 to \$12.50, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(2) On September 26, 2017, the James B. Byrne 2015 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (the "2015 GRAT") made an annuity payment of 94,897 shares of Issuer common stock to the reporting person, who, in turn, assigned the shares to the James Bradley Byrne Revocable Trust (the "Revocable Trust"). The Revocable Trust made a charitable contribution of 50,000 shares of Issuer common stock on September 26, 2017, as previously reported. The reporting person is the sole trustee and annuitant of the 2015 GRAT and sole trustee of the Revocable Trust.

(3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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