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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Decker Mark Okey Jr

Symbol

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST [IRET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

President, CEO and CIO

C/O INVESTORS REAL ESTATE

(Street)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2018

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

TRUST, 1400 31ST AVE. SW, SUITE 60

(Middle)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MINOT, ND 58702

Interest

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-D | erivative S | ecuri | ties Acqu | iired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|---|---|---|--|---|-------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D) | 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 Shares of Beneficial Interest | 03/16/2018 | | P | 6,000 | Ì | \$ 4.945 | 167,385 | D | |
| Common Shares of Beneficial | | | | | | | 14,000 | I | Spouse IRA |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Montal Day) Teal) | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | rities uired or osed o) r. 3, | | Underl Securit | lying | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | 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

Decker Mark Okey Jr C/O INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST 1400 31ST AVE. SW, SUITE 60 MINOT, ND 58702

X

President, CEO and CIO

Signatures

/s/ Mark O. Decker, Jr. 03/20/2018

**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).

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