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Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CRIBB GARY L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE,  
BUILDING 4

(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/14/2009

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)

Executive VP, C.O.O.

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	07/14/2009		M		1,500	A	\$ 19.02	62,058	D
Common Stock	07/14/2009		S		1,500	D	\$ 41.5188	60,558	D
Common Stock	07/14/2009		M		20,000	A	\$ 29.42	80,558	D
Common Stock	07/14/2009		S		20,000	D	\$ 41.5188	60,558	D
Common Stock	07/14/2009		M		58,557	A	\$ 28.69	119,115	D

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Common Stock	07/14/2009	S	58,557	D	\$ 41.5188	60,558	D
Common Stock	07/14/2009	M	19,000	A	\$ 27.81	79,558	D
Common Stock	07/14/2009	S	19,000	D	\$ 41.5188	60,558 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.02	07/14/2009		M	1,500	<u>(2)</u> 03/20/2013	Common Stock 1,500
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.81	07/14/2009		M	19,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/16/2016	Common Stock 19,000
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 28.69	07/14/2009		M	58,557	<u>(2)</u> 02/07/2015	Common Stock 58,557
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42	07/14/2009		M	20,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/17/2014	Common Stock 20,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Executive VP, C.O.O.

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

## Signatures

/s/ GARY L CRIBB EVP AND CHIEF OPERATIONS  
OFFICER

07/16/2009

\_\_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) Securities Beneficially Owned reflects shares acquired pursuant to issuer's employee stock purchase plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Option is exercisable as it vests in monthly increments beginning the first full month from date of grant with a vested ratio of 1/72 for the first year, 2/72 for the second year and 3/72 for the third year.

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