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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>O SULLIVAN MICHAEL B</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>8333 CENTRAL AVE</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>NEWARK CA 94560</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>09/08/2003</u>	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>ROSS STORES INC [ ROST ]</u>	
		<b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <u>Senior VP</u> Other (specify below) _____	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b> _____ <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>No Securities owned</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

/s/Michael B O'Sullivan      09/09/2003  
Senior VP, Strategy  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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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