FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* OSULLIVAN MICHAEL B | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROSS STORES INC [ROST] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Per (Check all applicable) | | | | to Issuer % Owner | |
|---|---|------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---|---------|-------|-------------|------------------|---|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5130 HACIENDA DRIVE | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2017 | | | | | | | | | X | belov | (0 | | er (specify ow) g Off | |
| (Street) DUBLIN (City) | UBLIN CA 94568 | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Indivi ne) X | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - 1 | Non-Deriv | ative | Secu | ıritie | s Acc | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or | Bene | eficia | ally (| Owne | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | Execution Da | | | ate, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr | | 4. Securities Acquired (AD Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 35) | | | | B, 4 and So B | | ount of ities icially d ving | 6. Ownersh Form: Dire (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | | A) or D) | Price | | Repor Trans | | , | (| |
| Common Stock 03/14/20 | | | | | |)17 | | | F | | 43,820 |) | D | \$67.28 | | 401,247 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 03/14/2 | | | | | 017 | | | | A | | 78,926 | (1) | A | \$0 | | 480,173 | | D | | |
| 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) | vative Conversion Date Execution Date, rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 4. Transac Code (I 8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo | r osed) . 3, 4 | 6. Date I Expirati (Month/I | on Da Day/Y | ear) | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4) Amoun or Numboof Title Shares | | ount | nt er | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Instr | Beneficial Ownershi ect (Instr. 4) | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares issued pursuant to settlement of a performance share award under the terms of the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares become vested as follows: 23,679 shares vest as of March 14, 2017, 23,677 shares vest as of March 12, 2018, and 31,570 shares vest as of March 12, 2019.

/s/Ken Jew for Michael O'Sullivan 03/16/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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