FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Last)	`	rst) (	03/13	03/13/2003										belo	below)		below)					
4440 ROSEWOOD DR.						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
BUILDING 4							, 3										Line)					
(Street)													X Form filed by One Reporting Person									
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(City)	(S	tate) (	Zip)																			
		Tab	le I - No	on-Deriv	vative S	Sec	uritie	s A	cquire	d, E	Disp	osed	of, or E	enef	ficia	lly Own	ed					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,				3. Transaction Code (Instr.			4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5)			Secu	rities Fo ficially (D d In		Ownership m: Direct or irect (I) etr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																					
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expi Date	iration	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber							
Non- Qualified Stock Option	\$27.69	05/19/2005			A		9,029		(1)		05/1	9/2015	Common Stock	9,0	29	\$0.00	9,029		D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Grant to reporting person of an option which begins vesting six months from grant date ('Initial Vest Date'). On Initial Vest Date, grant vests and becomes exercisable as to 1/6 of shares granted and then vests and becomes exercisable as to 1/36 of shares granted per month thereafter.

Mark Askanas, Attorney in Fact for Michael J. Bush 05/20/2005

\*\* 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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<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

ROSS STORES, INC. POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby authorizes Mark Askanas, General Counsel, and John Call, Chief Financial Officer, and their designees, Mary Tanner, Vice President of Human Resources, and Chuck Kurth, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, of Ross Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director of the Company, Form ID Uniform Application for Access Codes to File on EDGAR, Forms 4 and 5, and any amendments thereto, and cause such form(s) to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934, relating to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities in the Company. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of, and transactions in, securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has cause this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 6 day of September, 2002.  $/s/Michael\ J\ Bush$ 

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