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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CRIBB GARY L</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>8333 CENTRAL AVE.</u>  (Street) <u>NEWARK CA 94550</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROSS STORES INC [ ROST ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SENIOR VP</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/13/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	01/13/2004		M		16,250	A	\$18.89	79,776	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/13/2004		S		16,250	D	\$28.082	63,526	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/13/2004		M		1,500	A	\$19.02	65,026	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/13/2004		S		1,500	D	\$28.082	63,526	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)	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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
NON QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION	\$18.89	01/13/2004		M			16,250	(I)	08/26/2012	COMMON STOCK	16,250	\$0.00	93,886	D	
NON QUALIFIED STOCK OPTIONS	\$19.02	01/13/2004		M			1,500	(I)	03/20/2013	COMMON STOCK	1,500	\$0.00	10,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Option is exercisable as it vests in monthly increments beginning the first full month from the 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.

**Remarks:**

Note: The Securities Beneficially Owned on Table I and II reflect a 2:1 stock split effected by a stock dividend paid on 12/18/03 to all holders of record as of 12/2/03.

/s/ GARY L CRIBB SENIOR 01/13/2004  
VP STORE OPERATIONS

\*\* 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 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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