KROGER CO Form 4 June 25, 2015

## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HJELM CHRISTOPHER T			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
THE KROGER STREET	R CO., 1014	VINE	(Month/Day/Year) 06/23/2015	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CINCINNATI,			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	curities Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	ì	osed of (D) and 5) A) or	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)
Common Stock	06/23/2015		Code V F	Amount (882 (1) D	D) Price \$ 73.45	105 556	D	
Common Stock	06/24/2015		F	695 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 72.94	104,861	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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HJELM CHRISTOPHER T THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Senior Vice President

### **Signatures**

/s/ Christopher T. Hjelm, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

06/25/2015

\*\*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) Payment of tax liability associated with restricted stock.

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