KROGER CO Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHACKOULS BOBBY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

KROGER CO [KR]

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014

(First)

(Street)

(State)

VINE STREET

(Last)

(City)

12/05/2016

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	erivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)	Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
				or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 12/05/2016 V 2,103 I by Spouse \$0 44,746 Stock

Common 15.141 D Stock

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SHACKOULS BOBBY S C/O THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET	X					

Signatures

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

/s/ Bobby S. Shackouls, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

12/07/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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