EXPRESS, INC. Form 4 April 18, 2017

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rafferty John J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

EXPRESS, INC. [EXPR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

C/O EXPRESS, INC., 1 EXPRESS

DRIVE

04/15/2017

X_ Officer (give title below) below)

(First)

EVP - Planning and Allocation 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

COLUMBUS, OH 43230

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock, par

value \$0.01

(Instr. 3)

04/15/2017

F 5.160 D

(D)

Price

Code V Amount

176,380

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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| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title at Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (monda, Day, Teal) | (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of (Month Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 a | ng s | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | or Title Nu of | nount umber uares | | |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Rafferty John J | | | EVP - | | | | |
| C/O EXPRESS, INC., 1 EXPRESS DRIVE | | | Planning and | | | | |
| COLUMBUS, OH 43230 | | | Allocation | | | | |

Signatures

Lacey J. Bundy, Attorney-in-Fact 04/18/2017

**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).

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