

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BELSKY JOEL A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President and Controller

**C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**CINCINNATI, OH 45202**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 |   |        | 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) |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                   |   | 7,000  | A   | \$ 51.25  | 7,000  | D   |            |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                   |   | 3,500  | A   | \$ 42.85  | 10,500   | D   |            |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                   |   | 3,750  | A   | \$ 42.68  | 14,250   | D   |            |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                   |   | 750    | A   | \$ 50.01  | 15,000   | D   |            |
|                                 | 02/24/2006                           |  | S                   |   | 15,000 | D   |   | 0  | D   |            |

|              |         |                      |   |                |
|--------------|---------|----------------------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | \$      |                      |   |                |
|              | 70.1989 |                      |   |                |
| Common Stock |         | 1,284 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | By 401(k) Plan |

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)

| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock            | \$ 51.25   | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                              | 7,000   | <sup>(2)</sup> 03/27/2008                                | Common Stock  | 7,000                         |                            |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock            | \$ 42.85   | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                              | 3,500   | <sup>(3)</sup> 03/23/2011                                | Common Stock  | 3,500                         |                            |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock            | \$ 42.68   | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                              | 3,750   | <sup>(4)</sup> 03/22/2012                                | Common Stock  | 3,750                         |                            |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock            | \$ 50.01   | 02/24/2006                           |  | M                              | 750   | 03/26/2005 03/26/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 750                           |                            |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

BELSKY JOEL A  
C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.  
7 WEST SEVENTH STREET  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Vice President and Controller

## Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Joel A. Belsky pursuant to a Power of Attorney

02/28/2006

\_\_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) Reflects matching contributions under the Issuer's 401(k) plan, derived by dividing the value of the undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of February 27, 2006 by \$71.17, the stock price of such date.
- (2) The options became exercisable as follows: 1,750 on March 27, 1999, 1,750 on March 27, 2000, 1,750 on March 27, 2001 and 1,750 on March 27, 2002.
- (3) The options became exercisable as follows: 875 on March 23, 2002, 875 on March 23, 2003, 875 on March 23, 2004 and 875 on March 23, 2005.
- (4) The options became exercisable as follows: 1,250 on March 22, 2003, 1,250 on March 22, 2004 and 1,250 on March 22, 2005.

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