

SCHMIDT GARY P  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SCHMIDT GARY P

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 745 WHITE WILLOW BAY  
 (Street)

PALATINE, IL 60067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/17/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP, Gen. Coun. & Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 11/17/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 28,592  | A  | \$ 20.305                         |
| Common Stock                    | 11/17/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 28,592  | D  | \$ 29                             |
| Common Stock                    | 11/18/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 9,058   | A  | \$ 20.305                         |
| Common Stock                    | 11/18/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 9,058   | D  | \$ 29                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 12,994                            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | FN 1 <sup>(1)</sup>               |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)       | \$ 20.305  | 11/17/2009                           |  | M                              | 28,592  | <u>(2)</u> 09/30/2016                                    | Common Stock 28,592   |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)       | \$ 20.305  | 11/18/2009                           |  | M                              | 9,058   | <u>(2)</u> 09/30/2016                                    | Common Stock 9,058  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships   |
|--|---|
| SCHMIDT GARY P<br>745 WHITE WILLOW BAY<br>PALATINE, IL 60067 | Director 10% Owner Officer<br>Sr. VP, Gen. Coun. & Sec. |

## Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Gary P. Schmidt 11/18/2009

\_\_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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- (1) Held in the 401(k) and Profit Sharing Sharing Plan. Represents Equivalent Shares calculated by taking the account balance divided by the closing stock price as of November 17, 2009 of \$29.00.
- (2) This option is fully vested.

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