

SCARBOROUGH JAMES  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SCARBOROUGH JAMES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STAGE STORES INC [SSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10201 MAIN STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/01/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77025

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	06/01/2006		M		47,600	A	\$ 9.17
Common Stock	06/01/2006		S		47,600 (1)	D	\$ 32.8302 (2)
Common Stock	06/02/2006		M		35,600	A	\$ 9.17
Common Stock	06/02/2006		S		35,600 (1)	D	\$ 32.18 (3)
Common Stock	06/05/2006		M		16,800	A	\$ 9.17

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Common Stock	06/05/2006	S	16,800 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 31.8032 <u>(4)</u>	15,000	D
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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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.17	06/01/2006		M	47,600	08/24/2005	08/24/2011	Common Stock	47,600
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.17	06/02/2006		M	35,600	08/24/2005	08/24/2011	Common Stock	35,600
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.17	06/05/2006		M	16,800	08/24/2005	08/24/2011	Common Stock	16,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCARBOROUGH JAMES 10201 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77025	X		Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ R.E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for James  
Scarborough

06/05/2006

\_\_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) This sale was made pursuant to a pre-established, written plan for trading securities pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 adopted by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) The sale price of \$32.8302 represents the average sale price of the 47,600 shares sold in sixty separate transactions.
- (3) The sale price of \$32.18 represents the average sale price of the 35,600 shares sold in forty-five separate transactions.
- (4) The sale price of \$32.8032 represents the average sale price of the 16,800 shares sold in twenty-eight separate transactions.

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