

Ray Michael C.
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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 *
Ray Michael C.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC., 12420
STONEBRIDGE ROAD

(Street)

ROANOKE, IN 46783

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/19/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | |
| Common Stock | 06/19/2018 | | G | V | 11,500 | D | \$ 0 221,660 ⁽¹⁾ | By Anne-Marie Ray Revocable Trust |
| Common Stock | 06/25/2018 | | S | | 400,000 | D | \$ 14.43 3,010,469 ⁽²⁾ | By Barbara B. Baekgaard 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity |

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| 1. Title of 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction | |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | | 06/26/2018 | | S ⁽³⁾ | 200,000 | D | \$ 14.43 | 2,810,469 ⁽²⁾ | I | Trust By Barbara B. Baekgaard 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 106,888 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 480,199 | I | By Michael Ray 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 46,252 | I | By Anne-Marie Ray 2016 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 411,003 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Anne-Marie Ray 2017 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 |

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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction |
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of (D)
(Instr. 3,
4, and 5)

(Instr

| Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ray Michael C. C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC. 12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD ROANOKE, IN 46783 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Michael C.
Ray 06/27/2018

**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) On June 19, 2018, the Anne-Marie Ray 2017 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 (the "2017 GRAT") made an annuity payment of 88,997 shares of Issuer common stock to the reporting person's spouse, who, in turn, assigned the shares to the Anne-Marie Ray Revocable Trust (the "Revocable Trust"). The reporting person's spouse is the settlor, sole trustee and sole annuitant of the 2017 GRAT and the settlor and sole trustee of the Revocable Trust.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) This transaction constitutes a sale of shares to the Issuer.

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