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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

Sutton Mar	k S	Symbol				Issuer				
		KRUGE	KROGER CO [KR]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (N	fiddle) 3. Date of	Earliest Tra	ansaction						
		(Month/D	ay/Year)			_X_ Director		% Owner		
C/O THE K	KROGER CO., 10 EET	14 09/04/20	09/04/2018			Officer (giv below)	ve title Oth below)	er (specify		
	(Street)	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
		Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	One Reporting Po			
CINCINNA	ATI, OH 45202					Person	Wore than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	e 2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security	y (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or		(A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect				
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					(A) or	Reported Transaction(s)				
			Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common										

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 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P. Deri Secu (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock - Incentive Shares	\$ 0 (1)	09/04/2018		A	27.478 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	27.478	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Sutton Mark S C/O THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X					

Signatures

/s/ Mark S. Sutton, by Dorothy D. Roberts, Attorney-in-Fact

09/05/2018

**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) Each phantom share represents the right to receive one common share upon distribution from the deferred compensation account.
- (2) Represents phantom stock acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions under a deferred compensation plan of The Kroger Co.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock will be distributed following termination of the reporting person's services as an Independent Director of The Kroger Co.

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