

STAGE STORES INC
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 *
Murray Cynthia

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)
03/28/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CMO

HOUSTON, TX 77025

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Rights (SARS) | \$ 22.96 | 03/28/2007 | A | 25,000 | | | | | 03/28/2008 | 03/28/2014 | Common Stock | 25,000 (1) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Murray Cynthia 10201 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77025 | | | EVP, CMO | |

Signatures

/s/ Cynthia Murray
03/30/2007
 **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).

On March 28, 2007, Ms. Murray was granted Stock Appreciation Rights (SARS) with respect to a total of 25,000 shares of common stock. The grant price for the SARS is \$22.96 per share of common stock. The SARS will vest 25% per year on the first of four anniversary dates from the date of grant and expire on March 28, 2014.

- (1) Includes all derivative securities currently owned by the reporting person including those previously reported and options to purchase 51,013 shares of the issuer's common stock received by the reporting person on January 31, 2007 as a result of the three-for-two split of the issuer's common stock payable as a stock dividend to all holders of record of the issuer's common stock at the close of business on January 18, 2007 and the antidilution provisions of the issuer's Amended and Restated 2001 Equity Incentive Plan as approved by the issuer's shareholders on June 3, 2004.

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