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RETAIL VENTURES INC Form 8-K April 18, 2005

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 18, 2005

Retail Ventures, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-10767 20-0090238

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3241 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(614) 471-4722

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On April 18, 2005, Retail Ventures, Inc. (the Company) announced its findings relating to the theft of credit card and other purchase information at its subsidiary, DSW Shoe Warehouse. A copy of the press release announcing this information is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated April 18, 2005

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Retail Ventures, Inc.

By: /s/ James A. McGrady James A. McGrady Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Date: April 18, 2005

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