

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BRODERICK DENNIS J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/12/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr.VP, Secretary & Gen.Counsel

C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(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	Price			
Common Stock	12/12/2005		S		400	D \$ 68.21	5,062	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		S		3,600	D \$ 68.2	1,462	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M		7,400	A \$ 51.25	8,862	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2005		M		5,600	A \$ 32.4375	14,462	D	
	12/12/2005		S		13,000	D \$ 68	1,462	D	

Common  
Stock

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By 401(k)  
Plan

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 51.25	12/12/2005		M	7,400	<sup>(2)</sup> 03/27/2008	Common Stock	7,400
Options to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.4375	12/12/2005		M	5,600	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/25/2010	Common Stock	5,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRODERICK DENNIS J C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Sr.VP, Secretary & Gen.Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Dennis J. Broderick pursuant to a Power of Attorney

12/13/2005

\_\_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) Reflects matching contributions under the Isser's 401(k) plan, derived by dividing the value of the undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of December 12, 2005 by \$67.95, the stock price of such date.
- (2) Options became exercisable as follows: 3,600 on March 27, 1999, 3,600 on March 27, 2000 and 200 on March 27, 2001.
- (3) Options became exercisable as follows: 1,400 on March 24, 2001, 1,400 on March 24, 2002, 1,400 on March 24, 2003 and 1,400 on March 24, 2004.

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