Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.

Form 4

January 13, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Sanders James Douglas

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

may continue.

See Instruction

| č | | Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc. [SFM] | | | | [SFM] | (Charle all applicable) | | | | |
|--|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|---------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5455 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE 111 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2017 | | | | _ | (Check all applicable) _X Director | | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | A | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secui | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) Common | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | EXECUTION AND COMMENTAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPER | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4) | ed of (| | 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) | |
| Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 01/11/2017 | | | M | 22,500 | A | \$ 3.3255 | 77,810 | D | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 01/11/2017 | | | S <u>(1)</u> | 22,500 | D | \$ 19.2416 (2) | 55,310 | D | | |
| Common Stock, par | 01/12/2017 | | | M | 22,500 | A | \$ 3.3255 | 77,810 | D | | |

value \$0.001 per share

Common Stock, par

value 01/12/2017

S(1) 22,500 D

19.2908 55,310 (4)

D

\$0.001 per share

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.3255 | 01/11/2017 | | M | 22,500 | (5) | 05/02/2018 | Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 22,500 |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Sanders James Douglas | X | | | | | | |
| 5455 EAST HIGH STREET | | | | | | | |
| SUITE 111 | | | | | | | |

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PHOENIX, AZ 85054

Signatures

/s/ Brandon F. Lombardi, Attorney-in-Fact for James Douglas Sanders

01/13/2017

**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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.045 to \$19.42 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.15 to \$19.39 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
 - Amount includes 27,099 shares of common stock, 5,179 restricted stock units and 23,032 performance share awards. Each restricted stock unit and performance share award represent the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of common stock. The restricted stock units will
- (4) vest on March 4, 2017, assuming continued service through such date. The performance share awards will vest over two years, with one-half vesting on March 11, 2017 and the remaining one-half vesting on March 11, 2018, assuming continued service through such dates
- (5) All such options are presently exercisable.
- Represents the number of such stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 13, 2017 after giving effect to the transactions (6) reported herein. Due to a clerical error, the amount of such stock options reported in the Reporting Person's Form 4 filed on January 6, 2017 was understated.

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