#### O SULLIVAN MICHAEL B

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add O SULLIVAN		_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROSS STORES INC [ROST]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, BUILDING 4			09/14/2012	X Officer (give title Other (specified below)  President, Chief Operating Off			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
PLEASANTON, CA 94588				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - No	n-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3.		4. Securities Acquired (A) mor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/10/2012		G	V	21,312	D	\$ 0	400,252 (1)	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2012		S		48,835	D	\$ 67.906 (2)	351,417	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2012		S		243 (3)	D	\$ 67.906 (2)	351,174	D	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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									Amount		
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
. 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
O SULLIVAN MICHAEL B			President,					
4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, BUILDING 4			Chief					
PLEASANTON, CA 94588			Operating Off					

# **Signatures**

/s/Michael B O'Sullivan President, Chief Operating
Officer 09/18/2012

\*\*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) Securities Beneficially Owned reflects shares acquired pursuant to issuer's employee stock purchase plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Range of prices: \$67.83 \$67.98.
- (3) Shares sold were shares purchased under 423 Qualified Plan.

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