LEWIS DAVID B

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1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LEWIS DAVID B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

KROGER CO [KR]

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE KROGER CO... 1014 VINE STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/10/2009

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned

Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 12/10/2009 Stock

3,250 \$0 20,500 (1)

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 20.06	12/10/2009		A	6,500	(2)	12/10/2019	Common Stock	6,50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner rame, radicess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEWIS DAVID B							
C/O THE KROGER CO.,	X						
1014 VINE STREET							
CINCINNATI, OH 45202							

Signatures

/s/ David B. Lewis, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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) Restricted stock awarded pursuant to a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. The restrictions lapse as to 50% one year from the date of the award, and as to 50% two years from the date of the award.

Date

(2) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole amounts over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.

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