STAGE STORES INC
Form 3
December 28, 2001

FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF

BENEFICIAL

OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of
1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

(Print or Type Responses)

(City)

Ward	<u>Mel</u>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		
10201 Main Street				
(Street)				
<u>Houston</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>77025</u>		
(Street)	<u>TX</u>	<u>77025</u>		

(State)

(Zip)

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2. Date of Event Requiring	Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) December 28, 2001				
3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person if an entity					
(Voluntary)					
4. Issuer Name and Ticker	<u>St</u>	rage Stores, Inc./STGS			
5. Relationship of Reportin	ng Person(s) to Issuer (Chec	k all applicable)			
Director Officer 10% Owner Other					
(specify below)			(specify below)		
	SVP, Real Estate				
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) N/A					
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
X Form Filed by One Reporting Person					
Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table INon-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)		
Common Stock	None				
(\$0.01 par value)					

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Stock Options		None			

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or	indirectly.	
Explanation of Rep	oonses:	
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	/s/ Mel Ward	December 28, 2001
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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