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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement STAGE STORES INC [SSI] **CURTIS JASON TRAVIS** (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) HOUSTON, TXÂ 77027 Form filed by More than One Interim CFO and Treasurer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 8,011 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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 Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/Year)	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
2017 Restricted Stock Unit - 3/28/2017	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	28,125	\$ (2)	D	Â
2018 Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	(3)	Common	40,000	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner name, made as	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CURTIS JASON TRAVIS 2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77027	Â	Â	Interim CFO and Treasurer	Â			

Signatures

/s/ R. E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for Jason Travis
Curtis

08/20/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The restricted stock units (RSU) vest 25% per year on the first four anniversary dates from the grant date of March 28, 2017.
- Each RSU represents the right to receive, at settlement, cash equal to the fair market value of one share of the Issuer's common stock on
- (2) the vesting date. Upon vesting, each cash settlement shall not exceed five times the per share fair market value of the Issuer's common stock on the grant date multiplied by the number of RSUs vesting.
- (3) The RSUs vest 25% per year on the first four anniversary dates from the grant date of March 27, 2018.

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