STAGE STORES INC

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting LUNDY RUSS II	Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STAGE STORES INC [SSI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH		(Month/Day/Year) 03/24/2017	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Stores Officer			
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77027		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or 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)	
Common Stock	03/24/2017		Code V F	Amount 2,271	or (D) D	Price \$ 1.98	(Instr. 3 and 4) 92,757	D	
Common Stock	03/26/2017		F	585	D	\$ 1.98	92,172	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2017		F	111	D	\$ 1.98	2,268 (1)	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	03/26/2017		F	34	D	\$ 1.98	2,234 (1)	I	By Spouse

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	03/28/2017		A	60,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	60,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LUNDY RUSS II 2425 WEST LOOP SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77027

EVP, Chief Stores Officer

Signatures

/s/ R.E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for Russ Lundy II

03/28/2017

**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 reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- Each restricted stock unit (RSU) represents the right to receive, at settlement, cash equal to the fair market value of one share of the
- (2) Issuer's common stock on 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 restricted stock units vest 25% per year on the first four anniversary dates from the date of grant.

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