

KIRKLAND'S, INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KIRKLAND CARL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O KIRKLAND'S, INC., 5310
 MARYLAND WAY**

(Street)

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KIRKLAND'S, INC [KIRK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/27/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/27/2016 | | M | | 5,000 A \$ 5.34 | D | 864,044 |
| Common Stock | 05/27/2016 | | F | | 1,910 (1) D \$ 13.98 | D | 862,134 |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.34 | 05/27/2016 | | M | 5,000 | 06/05/2007 06/05/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KIRKLAND CARL C/O KIRKLAND'S, INC., 5310 MARYLAND WAY BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 | X | | | |

Signatures

Adam C. Holland, Attorney-in-Fact for Carl Kirkland
Date: 05/31/2016

__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).

Mr. Kirkland exercised options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.34 per share. Mr. Kirkland paid the (1) option exercise price and the applicable taxes to be withheld by surrendering a total of 1,910 shares, and he retained the remaining 3,090 shares.

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