KROGER CO Form 4 March 16, 2015

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Tosolini Aless		ing Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2015	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specification)  Senior Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)  _X_ Form filed by One Report				
CINCINNATI, OH 45202				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (	le I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			d of (D)	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)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/12/2015		A	305	A	\$0	42,555	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2015		F	117 (1)	D	\$ 76.29	42,438	D	

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

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tosolini Alessandro THE KROGER CO. 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Senior Vice President

## **Signatures**

/s/ Alessandro Tosolini, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact

03/16/2015

\*\*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) Payment of tax liability associated with share award.

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