

Ray Michael C.  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Ray Michael C.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/05/2017

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

C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC., 12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ROANOKE, IN 46783

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |         |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/05/2017                           |  | S                              | V   | 71,250  | D  | \$ 8.23   | 120,712 | D |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/05/2017                           |  | S                              | V   | 166,250   | D  | \$ 8.23   | 532,036 | I | By Michael Ray 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 173,519 | I | By Anne-Marie Ray 2015 Grantor                     |

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|              |                          |   |  |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 200,000                  | I | Retained Annuity Trust<br>By Anne-Marie Ray 2016 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 |
| Common Stock | 500,000                  | I | By Anne-Marie Ray 2017 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1                           |
| Common Stock | 4,610,469 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | By Barbara B. Baekgaard 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust                        |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ray Michael C.<br>C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC.<br>12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD<br>ROANOKE, IN 46783 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael C.  
Ray 09/07/2017

\*\*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 shares.

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