KROGER CO
Form 5
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FORM 5

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

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 3 Holdings Reported
Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SHACKOULS BOBBY S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE KROGER CO.,Â 1014 VINE STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI,Â OHÂ 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
KROGER CO [KR]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
01/30/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/09/2015	Â	G	2,750 (1)	D	$ 0	30,996	D	Â
Common Stock	08/15/2015	Â	G	11,287	D	$ 0	19,709	D	Â
Common Stock	04/09/2015	Â	G	2,750 (1)	A	$ 0	39,620	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	08/15/2015	Â	G	11,287	A	$ 0	50,907	I	by Spouse

Common Stock	12/07/2015	Â	G	8,626	D	$ 0	42,281	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. 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. of D Se Be O En Is Fi (I
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHACKOULS BOBBY S C/O THE KROGER CO., 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI,Â OHÂ 45202	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Bobby S. Shackouls, by Stacey M. Heiser, Attorney-in-Fact	02/19/2016
**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).

(1) The amount gifted on 4/09/2015 was 1,375 shares, but that amount has been adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on 7/13/2015.

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