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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>Byrne Thomas Farrell II |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |   |         |                       |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|---|---------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Dyme mome   |         |          |  |  | Director                                  | Х       | 10% Owner             |  |  |
|   |         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>09/21/2015                 |  | Officer (give title below)                |         | Other (specify below) |  |  |
| C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC.<br>12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD<br>(Street)                    |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                       | 6. Indivi<br>Line)   | dual or Joint/Group F                     | iling ( | Check Applicable      |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          |  | X  | Form filed by One R                       | eport   | ing Person            |  |  |
| ROANOKE   | IN      | 46783    |  |  | Form filed by More than One Rep<br>Person |         |                       |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |   |         |                       |  |  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially                        | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  | (Month/Day/Year)                        | 8)<br>Code                        | v | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price  | Owned Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | (l) (Instr. 4)                                  | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)   |
| Common Shares                   | 09/21/2015                                 |   | J <sup>(1)</sup>                  |   | 1,200,000 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D             | \$0.00 | 7,410,469 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I   | By<br>Barbara<br>B.<br>Baekgaard<br>2009<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust |
| Common Shares                   | 09/21/2015                                 |   | J <sup>(1)</sup>                  | v | 300,000  | Α             | \$0.00 | <b>0</b> <sup>(3)</sup>   | D   |   |
| Common Shares                   |  |   |                                   |   |  |               |        | 300,000 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I   | By James<br>B. Byrne<br>2015<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust             |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|   |   |  | (* 37)*   | ,,                           | , |     |     |  |   |       |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of  |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents a distribution by the Barbara B. Baekgaard 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (the "Baekgaard Trust") of 300,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock to each of the four beneficiaries of the Baekgaard Trust, including the reporting person, in accordance with the terms of the documents governing the Baekgaard Trust.

2. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

3. On September 21, 2015, following the reporting person's receipt of the 300,000 share distribution from the Baekgaard Trust, the reporting person transferred the shares to the Thomas F. Byrne, II 2015 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust, of which the reporting person is the sole trustee.

**Remarks:** 

/s/ Thomas F. Byrne, II

09/23/2015 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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