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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SHORE JERRY

Symbol FREDS INC [FRED]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD

(Street)

(State)

08/23/2012

below)

Other (specify below)

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

CFO

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

(I)

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MEMPHIS, TN 38118

(City) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amo Date Num Share Option on Class A Class A 150,000 \$ 13.64 08/23/2012 A 08/23/2017(1) 08/23/2017 Common 150 Common (1) Stock Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHORE JERRY

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD

MEMPHIS, TN 38118

Signatures

Anita Ryan by power of attorney

08/27/2012

**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) Shares of options. If performance not met, they will expire after five years.

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