

SHAFFER DON  
Form 5  
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**Form 5**

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

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
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Form 3 Holdings  
Reported

Form 4  
Transactions  
Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person\*

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

6. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

Shaffer

Dollar General Corporation (DG)

(Check all applicable)

Donald

Director

10% Owner

S.

Officer (give

Other (specify

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. I.R.S. Identification  
Number of Reporting  
Person, if an entity  
(voluntary)

4. Statement for  
Month/Year

January 31, 2003

title below)

below)

100 Mission Ridge

Acting Chief Executive  
Officer,

President and Chief Operating  
Officer

(Street)

5. If Amendment, Date  
of Original  
(Month/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing

(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One

Goodlettsville

Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than  
 One Reporting Person

TN

37072

(City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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 the 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)
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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 (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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 (mm/dd/yy)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.14	08/12/02	A	137,600	(1)	08/12/12	Common Stock	137,600

Explanation of Responses:

(1)

The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on August 12, 2003.

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts /s/ **Donald S. Shaffer** 3/9/03  
 constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18  
 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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