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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  
OWNERSHIP**

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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 (Check all applicable)

Shaffer

Dollar General Corporation (DG)

Director

Donald

10% Owner

S.

Officer (give

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

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

4. Statement for Month/Year

January 31, 2003

Other (specify

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|

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 Instructions 4(b)(v).

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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<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|--|---------|----------|---|---------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$16.14 | 08/12/02 | A | 137,600 | (1)                 | 08/12/12           | Common<br>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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