

MCCREEY MICHAEL  
Form 4  
August 27, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

McCreery                      Michael  
(Last)                              (First)                              (Middle)

10201 Main St.  
(Street)

Houston                      TX                              77025  
(City)                              (State)                              (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol    **Stage Stores, Inc. ("STGS")**

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity  
(Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year                              August 2002

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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

Secretary, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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

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)	Transaction Date (month/day/year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	08/26/2002	P

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Table I - Continued

4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  Amount - (A) - Price  or (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
5,000 A \$20.20	5,000	D	
	Total: 5,000	D	

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

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (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)

Table II - Continued

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Michael McCreery

August 26, 2002

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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\*\* 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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