

Howell James A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Howell James A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O NORDSTROM, INC., 1700 SEVENTH AVENUE  
(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORDSTROM INC [JWN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/27/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					5,471	D	
Common Stock					5,297.469	I	By 401(k) Plan, per Plan statement dated 1/31/09

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 (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Amount of Security (Instr. 3)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.47	02/27/2009		A	0 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u> 02/27/2019	Common Stock	0 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Howell James A C/O NORDSTROM, INC. 1700 SEVENTH AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98101			Vice President	

## Signatures

Duane E. Adams, Attorney-In-Fact for James A. Howell  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 02/27/2009

\*\*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).

The number of options granted effective 2/27/09 is not known at this time. The number is calculated as a function of base pay, a long-term incentive (LTI) percentage and the fair value of the option. The Binomial Lattice option valuation model will be used to estimate the fair value of the option. This model requires the input of certain assumptions, including risk-free interest rate, volatility, dividend yield, and expected life. The formula for determining the number of options granted is: number of options = (base pay x LTI%) / option fair value. This Form 4 will be amended to report the number of options granted when that number has been calculated.

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(2) Granted under the issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing on 2/27/2010.

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