

ROULEAU R MICHAEL  
 Form 4  
 April 24, 2003

<p><b>FORM 4</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</p> <p>(Print or Type Responses)</p>	<p><b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p><b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b></p> <p>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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940</p>	<p>OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0287                  Expires: January 31, 2005                  Estimated average burden hours per response. . . 0.5</p>
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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p><b>Rouleau R. Michael</b></p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p><b>8000 Bent Branch Drive</b></p> <p>(Street)</p> <p><b>Irving Texas 75063</b></p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><b>Michaels Stores, Inc. (MIK)</b></p> <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>	<p>4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p><b>April 23, 2003</b></p> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>President and Chief Executive Officer</b></p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	4/23/03		M		30,000	A	\$15.25			
Common Stock	4/23/03		S	V	30,000	(A) (D)	\$30.04	61,197(1)	D	
								5,952(2)	I	By 401(k) Plan

**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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option  (Right to Buy)	\$15.25	4/23/03		M			30,000	(3)	8/04/03		Common Stock	30,000		45,000	D		

Explanation of Responses:		
(1)		The reported amount includes 11,197 shares of Michaels Stores, Inc. common stock acquired by the reporting person under the Michaels Stores, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Employees Stock Purchase Plan, based on a plan statement issued by the plan administrator as of March 31, 2003.
(2)		The reported amount is held by a 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") stock fund assumed to be fully invested in Michaels Stores, Inc. common stock. The reported amount is based on a plan statement issued by the Plan administrator as of March 31, 2003 as an estimate of the total number of shares that would be available to the reporting person if such holdings were liquidated on that date.
(3)		Exercise of stock options pursuant to original grant to the reporting person on August 5, 1998 of options to purchase 100,000 shares of Michaels Stores, Inc. common stock under the Michaels Stores, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan (which

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		option grant consisted of the right to purchase 200,000 shares of common stock subsequent to the two-for-one stock split issued to stockholders of record as of November 12, 2001), all of which are currently vested.
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/s/ Elizabeth K. Giddens

April 24, 2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Elizabeth K. Giddens, Attorney-in-Fact for  
R. Michael Rouleau

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* 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).

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*see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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