

SANDFORT GREGORY A
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SANDFORT GREGORY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MICHAELS STORES INC [MIK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 8000 BENT BRANCH DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/05/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP - General Merchandise Mgr.

IRVING, TX 75063

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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			

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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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.96	08/05/2005	A	43,750					(1)	08/04/2010	Common Stock	43,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDFORT GREGORY A 8000 BENT BRANCH DRIVE IRVING, TX 75063			EVP - General Merchandise Mgr.	

Signatures

/s/ Todd J. Thorson Todd J. Thorson, Attorney-in-Fact for Gregory A. Sandfort, Executive Vice President - General Merchandise Manager 08/09/2005

**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).
- Grant to the reporting person on August 5, 2005 of stock options under the Michaels Stores, Inc. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan (1) (exempt) to purchase 43,750 shares of Michaels Stores, Inc. common stock; 14,583 of which will vest on each of August 5, 2006 and August 5, 2007, and 14,584 of which will vest on August 5, 2008.

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