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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lynch Brian E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC., 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD			(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2017	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & COO			
(Street) MAHWAH, NJ 07430			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired Disposed of or Repeticially Owned			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	,	<i>'</i>	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	12/07/2017		M	893	À	<u>(1)</u>	45,621	D	
Common	12/07/2017		M	5,182	A	<u>(1)</u>	50,803	D	

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units (2)	<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2017		M	893	(3)	(3)	Common	893	\$
Restricted Stock Units (2)	(1)	12/07/2017		M	5,18	2 (4)	<u>(4)</u>	Common	5,182	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lynch Brian E

C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD MAHWAH, NJ 07430

President & COO

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, by power of attorney 12/08/2017

**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).
- (1) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Granted under the Company's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- On December 7, 2016, the reporting person was granted 2,681 restricted stock units, vesting in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) On December 7, 2016, the reporting person was granted 10,363 restricted stock units, vesting in two annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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