Vera Bradley, Inc. Form 4 August 12, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

Common

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ray Michael C.

08/10/2016

08/11/2016

08/10/2016

(First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number:

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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(Month/Day/Year) Director X__ 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC., 12420 08/10/2016 below) STONEBRIDGE ROAD (Street) 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 ROANOKE, IN 46783 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Ownership Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) V (D) Code Amount Price

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By Michael Ray 2009

Grantor

Retained

Annuity Trust

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Common Stock 6,610,469 4 I Common Stock 8 By Barbara B. Backgaard 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust By Anne-Marie Ray 2015 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust Common Stock 200,000 4 I Common Stock 200,000 4 I Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)	Common Stock	08/11/2016	S	5,900 (1)	D	\$ 14.52 (3)	878,396 (4)	I	Ray 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust	
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1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Derivative Conversion

or Exercise

Derivative

Price of

Security

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionNumber

of

Derivative

Securities

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(Instr. 8)

(Month/Day/Year)

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6. Date Exercisable and

Expiration Date

(Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and

Amount of

Underlying

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Securities

8. Price of

Derivative

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(Instr. 5)

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By Michael

Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ray Michael C.

C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC.

12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD

Signatures

ROANOKE, IN 46783

/s/ Michael C.

Ray 08/12/2016

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- * 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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated June 29, 2016.
 - The prices reported in column 4 are weighted average prices. The shares sold on August 10, 2016 were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.54 to \$14.67, inclusive, and the shares sold on August 11, 2016 were sold in multiple transactions at prices
- (2) ranging from \$14.50 to \$14.60, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
 - The prices reported in column 4 are weighted average prices. The shares sold on August 10, 2016 were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.50 to \$14.71, inclusive, and the shares sold on August 11, 2016 were sold in multiple transactions at prices
- (3) ranging from \$14.50 to \$14.59, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (4) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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