Ray Anne Marie Form 4 October 26, 2017

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

Check this box if no longer subject to

Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Ray Anne Marie

(Last)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC., 12420 09/26/2017 STONEBRIDGE ROAD

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ROANOKE, IN 46783

**OMB APPROVAL** 

**OMB** Number:

3235-0287

Expires:

January 31, 2005

Estimated average burden hours per

response...

0.5

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director \_X\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_ Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                                 |   |   |        |            |  |  |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|---|---|--------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                            | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code<br>(Instr. |   | 4. Securit (n(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | 1 of<br>5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/26/2017                              |  | G                               | V | 50,000                                    |        | \$0        | 277,267 (1)<br>(2)   | I  | By<br>Anne-Marie<br>Ray<br>Revocable<br>Trust         |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 09/29/2017                              |  | G                               | V | 50,000                                    | D      | \$0        | 227,267 (1)  | I  | By<br>Anne-Marie<br>Ray<br>Revocable<br>Trust         |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |  |                                 |   |   |        |            | 532,036  | I  | By Michael<br>Ray 2009                                |

|   |   |                  | Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust                                    |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Common<br>Stock   | 0 (1)   | I                | By<br>Anne-Marie<br>Ray 2015<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust    |  |  |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 46,252 <u>(1)</u>   | I                | By<br>Anne-Marie<br>Ray 2016<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust #1 |  |  |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 500,000   | I                | By<br>Anne-Marie<br>Ray 2017<br>Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust #1 |  |  |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 4,610,469 <u>(3)</u>  | I                | By Barbara<br>B. Baekgaard<br>2009 Grantor<br>Retained<br>Annuity<br>Trust |  |  |  |  |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. |   |                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Persons who respond to the col information contained in this for required to respond unless the f displays a currently valid OMB onumber. | m are not<br>orm | SEC 1474<br>(9-02)   |  |  |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                               |   |                  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and     | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber   | Expiration Date         | Amount of        | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/Year)        | Underlying       | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ  | e                       | Securities       | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |                         | (Instr. 3 and 4) |             | Own    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |                         |                  |             | Follo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |                         |                  |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |                         |                  |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |                         |                  |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |                         |                  |             |        |

#### Edgar Filing: Ray Anne Marie - Form 4

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Date Expiration or Number of Shares

Code V (A) (D)

Exercisable Date Title Of Shares

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| Ray Anne Marie                 |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC.         |               | X         |         |       |  |  |  |
| 12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD         |               | Λ         |         |       |  |  |  |
| ROANOKE IN 46783               |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

/s/ Anne-Marie

Ray 10/24/2017

\*\*Signature of 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).

On September 26, 2017, the Anne-Marie Ray 2015 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (the "2015 GRAT") made an annuity payment of 173,519 shares of Issuer common stock to the reporting person, who, in turn, assigned the shares to the Anne-Marie Ray Revocable Trust (the "Revocable Trust"). Also on September 26, 2017, the Anne-Marie Ray 2016 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 (the "2016 GRAT") made an annuity payment of 153,748 shares of Issuer common stock to the reporting person, who, in turn, assigned the shares to the Revocable Trust. The reporting person is the sole trustee and annuitant of the 2015 GRAT and the 2016 GRAT, and sole trustee of the Revocable Trust.

- (2) Following receipt of the first annuity payment described in Note (1) above, the 2016 GRAT contributed 50,000 shares of Issuer common stock to the Barbara Bradley Baekgaard Family Foundation; the contribution is the transaction reported in this Form 4.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

Reporting Owners 3