

Michaels Companies, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SONSTEBY CHARLES M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8000 BENT BRANCH DRIVE

(Street)

IRVING, TX 75063

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Michaels Companies, Inc. [MIK]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/17/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CAO and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/17/2016		M		65,566	A	\$ 6.23
Common Stock	03/17/2016		M		27,688	A	\$ 6.55
Common Stock	03/18/2016		M		92,312	A	\$ 6.55
Common Stock	03/17/2016		S <sup>(2)</sup>		65,566	D	\$ 26.8
Common Stock	03/17/2016		S <sup>(2)</sup>		27,688	D	\$ 27.5

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Common Stock      03/18/2016      S<sup>(2)</sup>      92,312      D      \$ 27.5      101,517      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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.23	03/17/2016		M	65,566	<u>(1)</u> 01/04/2019	Common Stock	65,566
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.55	03/17/2016		M	27,688	<u>(1)</u> 01/04/2019	Common Stock	27,688
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.55	03/18/2016		M	92,312	<u>(1)</u> 01/04/2019	Common Stock	92,312

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SONSTEBY CHARLES M 8000 BENT BRANCH DRIVE IRVING, TX 75063			CAO and CFO	

## Signatures

Michael J. Veitenheimer, as  
attorney-in-fact

03/21/2016

\_\_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) This option to purchase common stock vested in equal installments annually over five years beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of January 5, 2011.
  - (2) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 30, 2015.

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