WAL MART STORES INC
Reported by
COUGHLIN THOMAS M

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 12/07/04 for the Period Ending 12/03/04

Address 702 SOUTHWEST 8TH ST
          BENTONVILLE, AR 72716
Telephone 5012734000
CIK       0000104169
Symbol    WMT
SIC Code  5331 - Variety Stores
Industry  Retail (Department & Discount)
Sector    Services
Fiscal Year 01/31
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

COUGHLIN THOMAS M

702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET

BENTONVILLE, AR 72716

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

WAL MART STORES INC [ WMT ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

12/3/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

__ X __ Director  _____ 10% Owner  

__ X __ Officer (give title below)  ____ Other (specify below)

Vice Chairman of the Board

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

_ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person  

_ ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Trans. Date

3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Common Stock 12/3/2004 12/3/2004 F (1) 1444.00 D $52.93 346748.00 D

Common Stock 39171.00 I By ESOP

Common Stock 14326.00 I By Family LLC

Common Stock 29637.00 I By Gift Trust

Common Stock 220.00 I By Irrevocable Trust

Common Stock 71626.00 I By Trust

Table II - Derivative Securities 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. Trans. Date

4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)

5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)

9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

(1) These shares were withheld to pay taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address  Relationships

COUGHLIN THOMAS M  
702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET  

X  Vice Chairman of the Board
Signatures  
** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).


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