#### BERMAN SHELDON M

Form 4

September 13, 2005

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* BERMAN SHELDON M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) **BIG LOTS INC [BLI]** 

(Check all applicable)

300 PHILLIPI ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2005

X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

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

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

(State) (Zip)

(Street)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

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Number of Shar

Stock

Purchase \$11.79 09/09/2005 A 10,000 09/09/2006(2) 10/09/2015 Common Stock 10,000

Option (1)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BERMAN SHELDON M 300 PHILLIPI ROAD

X

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

Signatures

Charles W. Haubiel II, attorney in fact for Sheldon M.

Berman 09/13/2005

\*\*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) Option issued under the Director Stock Option Plan.
- (2) The date in this column reflects the first of three annual vesting dates upon which 20%, 40% and 40%, respectively, of the Stock Purchase Option becomes exercisable.

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