

Rankin Norman John  
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 \*  
Rankin Norman John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BIG LOTS INC [BIG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/16/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

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

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/16/2007		M		9,500 A \$ 16.375	23,700	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		M		25,000 A \$ 17.3125	48,700	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		M		10,000 A \$ 11.25	58,700	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		M		30,000 A \$ 11.74	88,700	D
Common Stock	01/16/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		74,500 D \$ 26	14,200	D

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Common Stock 1,442 I By 401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 16.375	01/16/2007		M	9,500	10/13/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/13/2008	Common Stock	9,500
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 17.3125	01/16/2007		M	25,000	02/01/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/01/2009	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 11.25	01/16/2007		M	10,000	03/13/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/13/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 11.74	01/16/2007		M	30,000	11/21/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/05/2011	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rankin Norman John 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Chadwick P. Reynolds, attorney-in-fact for Norman John  
Rankin

01/17/2007

\_\_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) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) Common stock held under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"). This information is based on a 401(k) Plan report dated as of January 8, 2007.
- (3) The date upon which the option became fully exercisable.

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