

Byrne James Bradley  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Byrne James Bradley

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC., 12420  
STONEBRIDGE ROAD

(Street)

ROANOKE, IN 46783

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Vera Bradley, Inc. [VRA]

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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. 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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/26/2017		G	V 50,000 D \$ 0	44,897 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock					41,122 <u>(1)</u>	I	By James B. Byrne 2016 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1
Common Stock					500,000	I	By James B. Byrne 2017 Grantor Retained

Common Stock	4,610,469 <sup>(3)</sup> I	Annuity Trust #1  By Barbara B. Baekgaard 2009 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Byrne James Bradley C/O VERA BRADLEY, INC. 12420 STONEBRIDGE ROAD ROANOKE, IN 46783		X		

## Signatures

/s/ James B.  
Byrne

10/24/2017

Date

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

## 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 James B. Byrne 2016 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust #1 (the "2016 GRAT") made an annuity payment of 94,090 shares of Issuer common stock to the reporting person. On October 18, 2017, following a revised computation of the annuity payment, the annuity payment was increased to equal 94,897 shares of issuer common stock in the aggregate. The reporting person is the sole trustee and annuitant of the 2016 GRAT.
- (1) Following receipt of the 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.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3)

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