

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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SUBJECT COMPANY

DARDEN RESTAURANTS INC

CIK: **940944** | IRS No.: **593305930** | State of Incorporation: **FL** | Fiscal Year End: **0526**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-13666** | Film No.: **97654248**

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Mailing Address

*5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
ORLANDO FL 32809*

Business Address

*5900 LAKE ELLENOR DR
ORLANDO FL 32809
4072454000*

REPORTING OWNER

SWEATT BLAINE III

CIK: **1018577**

Type: **4**

Mailing Address

*5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
ORLANDO FL 32809*

Business Address

*PO BOX 593330
C/O DARDEN RESTAURANTS
INC
ORLANDO FL 32809
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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGED COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all Applicable)	
SWEATT, III BLAINE			DARDEN RESTAURANTS, INC. (DRI)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer Other --- (give title below) --- (Specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(MI)	3. IRS or Soc. Sec. No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE				July 1997		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
P. O. BOX 593330						
(Street)				5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		
ORLANDO	FL	32859-3330				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	TABLE I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Yr)	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Own. Form (D) or (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount			
<S> Common Stock	<C> 07/18/1997	<C> M	<C>	<C>	18351	<C> A	\$4.7733	<C>
Common Stock	07/18/1997	F			9632	D	\$9.0938	
Common Stock	07/18/1997	F			3614	D	\$9.0938	
Common Stock	07/22/1997	P			6561	A	\$8.9375	64544 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class securities owned directly or indirectly.
 *If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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TABLE II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible security)

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