

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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SUBJECT COMPANY

O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC

CIK: **898173** | IRS No.: **440618012** | State of Incorporation: **MO** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-21318** | Film No.: **99709048**

SIC: **5531** Auto & home supply stores

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REPORTING OWNER

OREILLY DAVID E

CIK: **942572**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Last, First, Middle: O'Reilly, David E.
Street: 233 South Patterson
City, State, Zip: Springfield, MO 65802
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. (ORLY)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year: August 1999
5. If Amendment, date of original, month/year
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
[X] Director [] 10% Owner
[X] Officer (give title below) [] Other(specify below)
Officer Title: Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person
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TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	or Price (D)			
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Common Stock					380,529	D	
Common Stock					1,097,068	I	As trustee for reporting person's children
Common Stock					238,406	I	As custodian for reporting person's minor children
Common Stock					1,316	I	401(k) plan

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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)

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	
Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Employee stock options with tandem with-holding right (right to buy)	\$16.500				2/06/98	2/05/02	Common Stock	40,000	40,000	D	
Employee stock options with tandem with-holding right (right to buy)	\$24.500				12/01/98*	12/01/07	Common Stock	30,000	30,000	D	
Employee stock options with tandem with-holding right (right to buy)	\$42.625				08/05/00*	08/05/09	Common Stock	25,000	25,000	D	

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Explanation of Responses:

All shares have been adjusted to reflect a 100% stock dividend in the form of a stock split. Payment date on the dividend was August 31, 1997.

*The derivative securities disclosed in Table II above are 25% exercisable after 1 year; 50% exercisable after 2 years; 75% exercisable after 3 years; and 100% after 4 years.

/s/ David E. O'Reilly 09/10/99

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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