

Smits James P  
 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 \*  
 Smits James P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WINN DIXIE STORES INC  
 [WINN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5050 EDGEWOOD COURT  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/09/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 GVP, Perishables

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32254  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/09/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 2,890 (1) \$ 0  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/10/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 851 (2) \$ 0  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/11/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 526 (3) \$ 6.52   | D  |                                   |

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Option                                     | \$ 6.24  | 11/09/2011                           |  | A                              | 5,352   | (5) 11/09/2018   | Common Stock  | 5,352   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Smits James P<br>5050 EDGEWOOD COURT<br>JACKSONVILLE, FL 32254 |               |           | GVP, Perishables |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Timothy L. Williams, as attorney-in-fact  
11/14/2011

\*\*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) Represents Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") awarded under the Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Fiscal 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs become vested, and certificates for shares of common stock become deliverable, in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. common stock.

(2) Represents Restricted Stock Units awarded under the Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Fiscal 2010 Equity Incentive Plan that were subject to achievement of certain performance criteria determined as to 1/3 of the award each year beginning with the first year after grant. The aggregate performance RSU's were originally awarded on November 10, 2010. The first year performance criteria were met on November 10, 2011 and the RSU's vested as to 1/3 of the original award. Each RSU represents a right to receive one share of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. common stock.

(3) Shares sold to satisfy tax withholding obligations that became due upon the vesting of RSU's.

(4) The amount of securities owned balance includes 8,959 RSUs for which stock certificates will be issued upon vesting.

(5) The Option shall vest in equal annual installments over 3 years beginning with the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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