

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
September 12, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report: September 12, 2006  
(Date of earliest event reported)**

**THE KROGER CO.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**An Ohio Corporation  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)**

**No. 1-303  
(Commission File Number)**

**31-0345740  
(IRS Employer Number)**

**1014 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45201  
(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number: (513) 762-4000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On September 12, 2006, the Company released its earnings for second quarter 2006. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and filed herewith, is the text of that release.

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Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Earnings release for second quarter 2006, filed herewith.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

September 12, 2006

By:

/s/ Paul Heldman

Paul Heldman  
Executive Vice President,  
Secretary and General Counsel

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EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit No.**

**Exhibit**

99.1

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