

Jeffrey John Ronald Jr.
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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 *
Jeffrey John Ronald Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARGAN INC [AGX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ARGAN, INC., ONE CHURCH STREET, SUITE 201

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/11/2018

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,500 | I | John R. Jeffrey, IRA |

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. 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option to purchase Common Stock | \$ 46.35 | 01/11/2018 | | A | 10,000 <u>(1)</u> | 01/11/2019 | 01/11/2028 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Jeffrey John Ronald Jr. C/O ARGAN, INC. ONE CHURCH STREET, SUITE 201 ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ John R. Jeffrey
01/12/2018
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).
- (1) On January 11, 2018 (the "Grant Date"), the Reporting Person received 10-year options, vesting ratably over three years on each anniversary date from the Grant Date, to purchase 10,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock with an exercise price of \$46.35 per share. As of the date of this filing, the Reporting Person owns options to purchase (a) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$60.05 per share with Date Exercisable of 06/22/2018 and Expiration Date of 06/22/2027; and (b) options to acquire 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$46.35 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/11/2019 and Expiration Date of 1/11/2028.

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