Bloomin' Brands, Inc. Form 4 December 13, 2016

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

| SULLIVAN CHRIS THOMAS |                                      |                                      | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol |   |   |  | -       | Issuer                                    |  |  |   |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---------|---|--|--|---|--|
|                       |                                      |                                      | Bloomin' Brands, Inc. [BLMN]                |   |   |  |         | (Check all applicable)                    |  |  |   |  |
|                       |                                      |                                      |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2016 |   |  |         | _   | _X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below)  |  |   |  |
| (Street)              |                                      |                                      | 4. If Amendment, Date Original              |   |   |  | (       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check |  |  |   |  |
| TAMPA, FL 33607       |                                      |                                      |   | `   |   |  |         | -   | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person               |  |   |  |
|                       | (City)                               | (State)                              | (Zip)                                       | Tab   | le I - Non-I                            | Derivative S                           | ecurit  | ies Acqui                                 | ired, Disposed of  | , or Beneficial  | ly Owned  |  |
|                       | 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deem<br>Execution<br>any<br>(Month/Da   | Date, if  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securitie or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4) | d of (D | <b>)</b> )                                | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|                       | Common<br>Stock                      | 12/09/2016                           |   |   | S                                       | 157,750<br>(1)                         | D       | \$<br>19.44<br>(2)                        | 807,899  | I  | See footnote (3)  |  |
|                       | Common<br>Stock                      |                                      |   |   |   |  |         |   | 399,296  | I  | See<br>Footnote   |  |
|                       |                                      |                                      |   |   |   |  |         |   |  |  |   |  |

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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       | 2. Conversion                                     | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4.<br>Transaction  | 5.<br>orNumber  | 6. Date Exer<br>Expiration D |                    | 7. Title and A Underlying S |  | 8. Price of Derivativ |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |                                      | any<br>(Month/Day/Year)       | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/                  |                    | (Instr. 3 and               | 4)                                     | Security (Instr. 5)   |
|                              |   |                                      |                               | Code V             | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title                       | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                       |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(5)</u>  |                                      |                               |                    |   | <u>(6)</u>                   | <u>(7)</u>         | Common<br>Stock             | 5,978                                  |                       |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • 0   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| SULLIVAN CHRIS THOMAS<br>2202 NORTH WEST SHORE BLVD<br>SUITE 500<br>TAMPA, FL 33607 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |
| <b>a</b>  |               |           |         |       |  |  |

## **Signatures**

/s/ Kelly Lefferts, as Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2016 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) This transaction was effected by the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan.
- Price reflected is the weighted-average sale price for the shares sold. The shares were sold in multiple transactions, and the range of sale prices for the transactions reported was \$18.98 to \$19.595. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or any staff member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Represents shares of common stock owned by CTS Equities, Limited Partnership, an investment partnership ("CTSLP"). Mr. Sullivan is a limited partner of CTSLP and the sole member of CTS Equities, LLC, which is the sole general partner of CTSLP.
- Represents shares of Bloomin' Brands, Inc. common stock held by a charitable foundation for which Mr. Sullivan serves as trustee.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer.

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- These restricted stock units, in the original grant amount of 5,978, will begin vesting in three equal annual installments immediately prior to the issuer's annual meeting of stockholders each year beginning with the issuer's annual meeting of stockholders in 2017.
- (7) This field is not applicable.

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