

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On December 8, 2016, Fred's, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended October 29, 2016.

A copy of the press release announcing these events is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference. The information in this report, including the exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Fred's, Inc., dated December 8, 2016.

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.

FRED'S, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: December 8, 2016 By: /s/ Rick Hans
Rick Hans
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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