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November 20, 2002

Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20549

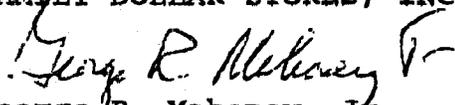
Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed please find the sworn statements of Family Dollar Stores, Inc.'s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Howard R. Levine, and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. R. James Kelly, as required by Commission Order 4-460, Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21 (a) (1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please confirm your receipt of these filings by stamping the enclosed copy of this letter with the date of filing and return it to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

FAMILY DOLLAR STORES, INC.


George R. Mahoney, Jr.
Executive Vice President
General Counsel

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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER REGARDING
FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, Howard R. Levine, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Family Dollar Stores, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Audit Committee of Family Dollar Stores, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2002, of Family Dollar Stores, Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Family Dollar Stores, Inc., filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to the foregoing.

Howard R. Levine
 Howard R. Levine
 President and Chief Executive Officer
 (Principal Executive Officer)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November 2002.

Flora W. Stanley
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: October 13, 2003