FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* PAINTER JONATHAN W | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KADANT INC [KAI] | | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents partial vesting of restricted stock unit award on September 26, 2020 and delivery of shares to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of a restricted stock unit award agreement dated July 1, 2020. The remainder of the shares vest on the last day of the Issuer's fourth quarter of fiscal 2020 provided the recipient continues to serve a director of the Issuer.

Remarks:

/s/ Stacy D. Krause, by power of attorney

09/29/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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