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Nordstrom President and Chief Financial Officer Affirm the Accuracy Of the Company's Financial Reports

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SEATTLE, Sep 12, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) announced today that it has complied with both the June 27, 2002, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Order and the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to certify the accuracy of Nordstrom's recent SEC filings. President Blake Nordstrom and Chief Financial Officer Mike Koppel, signed sworn statements today certifying Nordstrom's 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K, its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the first and second quarters of 2002 and the other reports covered by the SEC Order. Nordstrom and Koppel also have signed certifications that satisfy requirements in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to certify Nordstrom's second quarter 2002 10-Q. The certifications were filed without exceptions.

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Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 138 US stores located in 26 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 84 full-line stores, 48 Nordstrom Racks, four Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 23 international Faconnable boutiques, primarily in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom Direct serves customers through its online presence at <http://www.nordstrom.com> and through its direct mail catalogs.

Certain statements in this news release contain "forward-looking" information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involves risks and uncertainties, including anticipated store openings and distribution channels, planned capital expenditures, and trends in company operations. Actual future results and trends June differ materially depending upon a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the company's ability to source and manage appropriate inventory, predict fashion trends and consumer apparel buying patterns, and control costs and expenses; weather conditions; hazards of nature such as earthquakes and floods; trends in personal bankruptcies and bad debt write-offs; employee relations; the company's ability to continue its expansion plans; and the impact of economic and competitive market forces, including the effects of terrorist activity on the company, its customers and the industry. The company's SEC reports June contain other information on these and other factors, which could affect our financial results and cause actual results to differ from any forward-looking information we June provide.

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