

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHORT WILLIAM S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCI]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2007			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(Street) PLANO TX 75024								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common	01/31/2007		A		760	A	\$0	760	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$29.51	01/02/2007		A		25,000		01/02/2008 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2017	Common 25,000	\$0	25,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$28.81	01/31/2007		A		2,600		01/31/2008 ⁽²⁾	01/31/2017	Common 2,600	\$0	2,600	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- On January 2, 2007, the reporting person was granted options to purchase the common stock, \$.01 par value per share of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to the Company's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. These options shall vest ratably over a four-year period, vesting in equal amounts on each of January 2, 2008, January 2, 2009, January 2, 2010 and January 2, 2011.
- On January 31, 2007, the reporting person was granted options to purchase the common stock, \$.01 par value per share of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to the Company's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. These options shall vest ratably over a four-year period, vesting in equal amounts on each of January 31, 2008, January 31, 2009, January 31, 2010 and January 31, 2011.

Remarks:

William S. Short 04/05/2007
 ** 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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