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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>York James E.</u> |         |       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>RENT A CENTER INC DE</u> [ RCII ] |                        | ationship of Reporting Pe<br>( all applicable)<br>Director                        | 10% Owner                            |  |
|--|---------|-------|--|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE               |         | ( )   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/23/2018                             | X                      | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>EVP - RTO I                                      | Other (specify<br>below)<br>Domestic |  |
| (Street)<br>PLANO TX   | TX      | 75024 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                   | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applica<br>Form filed by One Reporting Person |                                      |  |
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## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. |                                     |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                |   | 4)                                  |  |
| Common                          | 02/23/2018                                 |   | Α                            |   | <b>6,721</b> <sup>(1)</sup>  | A             | \$0.0000  | 20,100  | D   |                                     |  |
| Common                          |  |   |                              |   |  |               |   | 58  | Ι   | By Children                         |  |
| Common                          |  |   |                              |   |  |               |   | 395   | Ι   | By Deferred<br>Compensation<br>Plan |  |
| Common                          |  |   |                              |   |  |               |   | 80  | Ι   | by IRA                              |  |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of     |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--------|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Purchase) | \$8.22  | 02/23/2018                                 |   | A                            |   | 14,892 |     | 02/23/2019 <sup>(2)</sup>                                      | 02/23/2028         | Common  | 14,892                                 | \$0.0000  | 14,892   | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents restricted stock units which vest upon completion of three years of continuous employment with the issuer from February 23, 2018.

2. Options vest ratably over 4 years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant and becoming fully exercisable on the 4th anniversary of the date of grant (25% of the total number of shares granted vesting on each such anniversary date). Options expire 10 years from the date of grant.

<u>/s/ James E. York</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

02/27/2018

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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