

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report:
(Date of earliest event reported)
December 8, 2016**

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware

**(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)**

0-25370

**(Commission
File Number)**

45-0491516

**(IRS Employer
Identification No.)**

5501 Headquarters Drive

Plano, Texas 75024

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(972) 801-1100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 8, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.08 per share payable on January 26, 2017, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 5, 2017.

The press release containing these announcements is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued on December 8, 2016, by Rent-A-Center, Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

Date: December 8, 2016

By: /s/ Dawn M. Wolverson

Dawn M. Wolverson

Vice President – Assistant General Counsel and Secretary

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on December 8, 2016, by Rent-A-Center, Inc.

For Immediate Release:

**RENT-A-CENTER, INC.
DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND**

Plano, Texas, December 8, 2016 - Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company") (NASDAQ/NGS: RCII) today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per share on its common stock. The dividend will be payable on January 26, 2017, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 5, 2017.

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A rent-to-own industry leader, Plano, TX-based, Rent-A-Center, Inc., is focused on improving the quality of life for its customers by providing them the opportunity to obtain ownership of high-quality, durable products such as consumer electronics, appliances, computers, furniture and accessories, and smartphones, under flexible rental purchase agreements with no long-term obligation. The Company owns and operates approximately 2,600 stores in the United States, Mexico, Canada and Puerto Rico, and approximately 1,870 Acceptance Now locations in the United States and Puerto Rico. Rent-A-Center Franchising International, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is a national franchiser of approximately 230 rent-to-own stores operating under the trade names of "Rent-A-Center", "ColorTyme", and "RimTyme". For additional information about the Company, please visit our website at www.rentacenter.com.

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