FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* York James E.							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2017									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - RTO Domestic					
(Street) PLANO (City)		TX 75024 (State) (Zip)			4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye						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 ar		nd 5) S	Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	ct Indire ect Bene Owne	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.		
								[Code	v .	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	1	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			4)	4)	
Common 02/16/201					017	7			A		6,641(1)	A	\$0.0	000	13,687		D			
Common															58		I	ВуС	By Children	
Common															395		I	Com	By Deferred Compensation Plan	
Common															80		I by IRA		RA	
			Table								sposed of				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any		4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expi	te Exer ration D th/Day/		of Se Unde Deriv	7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security		umber of vative urities eficially led over the common or t	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisable	Expiration Date	Title	O N O	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Option	\$8.32	02/16/2017			A		22,189		02/16	5/2018 ⁽²	02/16/2022	7 Comr	non 2	22,189	\$0.0000		22,189	D		

Explanation of Responses:

Purchase)

- 1. Represents restricted stock units which vest upon completion of three years of continuous employment with the issuer from February 16, 2017.
- 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.

/s/ James E. York

02/21/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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