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) September 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 September 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 October 20, 2016, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on October 3, 2016.

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 September 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: September 8, 2016 By: /s/ Dawn M. Wolverton

Dawn M. Wolverton

Vice President – Assistant General Counsel and Secretary

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Exhibit No. Description

Press Release issued on September 8, 2016, by Rent-A-Center, Inc.

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For Immediate Release:

RENT-A-CENTER, INC. DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND

Plano, Texas, September 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 October 20, 2016, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on October 3, 2016.

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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 1,915 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 225 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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