

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

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 7)<sup>1</sup>

Rent-A-Center, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

76009N100  
(CUSIP Number)

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ENGAGED CAPITAL, LLC  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

June 8, 2017  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box .

*Note:* Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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<sup>1</sup> The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the *Notes*).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS  WC	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  CAYMAN ISLANDS	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  2,519,969
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  2,519,969
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  2,519,969	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  4.7%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS WC	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 2,703,611
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,703,611
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 2,703,611	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 5.1%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A, LP	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS  WC	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  3,390,148
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  3,390,148
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,390,148	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  6.4%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS  OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  2,519,969
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  2,519,969
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  2,519,969	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  4.7%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  PN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, Ltd.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS  OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  CAYMAN ISLANDS	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  2,519,969
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  2,519,969
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  2,519,969	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  4.7%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  CO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Engaged Capital, LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS  OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  8,983,609
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  8,983,609
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  8,983,609	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  16.9%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  OO	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Engaged Capital Holdings, LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS  OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  8,983,609
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  8,983,609
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  8,983,609	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  16.9%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  OO	



1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Glenn W. Welling	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS  OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  USA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  8,983,609
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  8,983,609
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  8,983,609	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  16.9%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  IN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Jeffrey J. Brown	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  USA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  - 0 -	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  0%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  IN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Mitchell E. Fadel	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  USA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  - 0 -	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  0%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  IN	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  Christopher B. Hetrick	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  USA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER  - 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  - 0 -
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  - 0 -	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  0%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  IN	

The following constitutes Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 7”). This Amendment No. 7 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended to add the following:

In connection with the election of Jeffrey J. Brown, Mitchell E. Fadel and Christopher B. Hetrick to the Board of Directors of the Issuer (the “Board”) at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders held on June 8, 2017 (the “Annual Meeting”), as described in further detail in Item 4 below, Messrs. Brown and Fadel are no longer members of the Section 13(d) group and shall cease to be Reporting Persons immediately upon the filing of this Amendment No. 7. The remaining Reporting Persons will continue filing statements on Schedule 13D with respect to their beneficial ownership of securities of the Issuer to the extent required by applicable law. Each of the remaining Reporting Persons is party to the Joint Filing Agreement, as further described in Item 6.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

According to the preliminary voting results from the Annual Meeting, all three of Engaged Capital’s director nominees, Jeffrey J. Brown, Mitchell E. Fadel and Christopher B. Hetrick, were resoundingly elected to the Board by the Issuer’s stockholders.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On June 8, 2017, the Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing Agreement in which the Reporting Persons who will remain Reporting Persons subsequent to this Amendment No. 7 agreed to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the securities of the Issuer to the extent required by applicable law. A copy of the Joint Filing Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 Joint Filing Agreement, dated June 8, 2017.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 8, 2017

Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, Ltd.

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Director

Engaged Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Holdings, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Sole Member

/s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Glenn W. Welling  
Individually and as attorney-in-fact for Jeffrey J. Brown, Mitchell E. Fadel  
and Christopher B. Hetrick

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13D (including additional amendments thereto) with respect to the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Rent-A-Center, Inc., a Delaware corporation. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be filed as an Exhibit to such Statement.

Dated: June 8, 2017

Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

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Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, Ltd.

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Director

Engaged Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Holdings, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Name: Glenn W. Welling  
Title: Sole Member

/s/ Glenn W. Welling  
Glenn W. Welling

/s/ Christopher B. Hetrick  
Christopher B. Hetrick