FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Davids Ann L							2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [ RCII ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owne			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2018								below)	(give title - Chief Market		Other (s below) ing Office	·
(Street) PLANO TX 75024 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tal	ble I - No	n-Deri	ivativ	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Ber	neficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed (		ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		Beneficia Owned F	es ally Following	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common		23/201	2018		A		6,825(1)	6,825 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$		0 7,	7,785		D					
			Table II -								osed of, convertib			Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Inst 8)				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		of Securiti		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e C S F Illy C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$8.22	02/23/2018			A		15,121		02/23/201	g <sup>(2)</sup>	02/23/2028	Common	15,121	\$0.0000	15,12	1	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.

/s/ Ann L. Davids

02/27/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
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