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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 15, 2011**

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**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)).
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 15, 2011, Rent-A-Center, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its board of directors declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.16 per share payable on January 25, 2012, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 4, 2012.

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

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release issued on December 15, 2011 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 15, 2011

By: /s/ Dawn M. Wolverton

Dawn M. Wolverton  
Vice President – Assistant General Counsel and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued on December 15, 2011 by Rent-A-Center, Inc.

For Immediate Release:

**RENT-A-CENTER, INC.  
DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND  
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2012**

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**Plano, Texas, December 15, 2011** — Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the “Company”) (NASDAQ/NGS: RCI), the nation’s largest rent-to-own operator, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a \$0.16 per share cash dividend for the first quarter of 2012 to be paid to the Company’s common stockholders. The dividend will be paid on January 25, 2012, to common stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 4, 2012.

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Rent-A-Center, Inc., headquartered in Plano, Texas, currently operates approximately 3,000 company-owned stores nationwide and in Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico and approximately 720 RAC Acceptance locations within traditional retailers in the United States. The stores generally offer high-quality, durable goods such as major consumer electronics, appliances, computers and furniture and accessories under flexible rental purchase agreements that generally allow the customer to obtain ownership of the merchandise at the conclusion of an agreed upon rental period. ColorTyme, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is a national franchiser of approximately 210 rent-to-own stores operating under the trade name of “ColorTyme.”

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