

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KORST CHRISTOPHER A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 5700 TENNYSON PARKWAY SUITE 100  (Street) PLANO 75024  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENT A CENTER INC DE [ RCII ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SenVP-Gen. Counsel &amp; Sec</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2006	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	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 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common	01/31/2006		A		890	A	\$0	890	D	
Common								441	I	By 401k

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$19.52	01/31/2006		A		3,190		(I)	01/31/2016	Common	3,190	\$0	3,190	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. On January 31, 2006, the reporting person was granted options to purchase the common stock, \$.01 par value per share of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. These options shall vest ratably over a four-year period, vesting in equal amounts on each of January 31, 2007, January 31, 2008, January 31, 2009 and January 31, 2010.

**Remarks:**

Christopher A. Korst

02/02/2006

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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