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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):

AUGUST 12, 2002

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

DELAWARE

0-25370

48-1024367

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5700 TENNYSON PARKWAY
THIRD FLOOR
PLANO, TEXAS 75024
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

(972) 801-1100
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE
NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

NO CHANGE
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 12, 2002, each of the principal executive officer, Mark E. Speese, and the principal financial officer, Robert D. Davis, of Rent-A-Center, Inc. submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission's Order No. 4-460 dated June 27, 2002.

A copy of each of these statements is attached hereto as an Exhibit.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BUSINESSES ACQUIRED.

Not applicable.

(b) PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Not applicable.

(c) EXHIBITS

99.1 Statement Under Oath of principal executive officer Mark E. Speese dated August 12, 2002.

99.2 Statement Under Oath of principal financial officer Robert D. Davis dated August 12, 2002.

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: August 12, 2002

By: /s/ Robert D. Davis

Robert D. Davis
Senior Vice President-Finance,
Treasurer and Chief Financial
Officer

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STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Mark E. Speese, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Rent-A-Center, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - o no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - o no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - o Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of Rent-A-Center, Inc. filed with the Commission;
 - o all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Rent-A-Center, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - o any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ Mark E. Speese

Mark E. Speese
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 12th day of
August, 2002.

/s/ Cheryl Hedric

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
November 28, 2002

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Robert D. Davis, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Rent-A-Center, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - o no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
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 - o any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ Robert D. Davis

 Robert D. Davis
 Senior Vice President-Finance, Treasurer
 and Chief Financial Officer
 August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
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/s/ Cheryl Hedric

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