FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHI | IΡ |

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| 1. Ivaile and radiess of Reporting Ferson | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII] | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------|-----------------|---|---|---------|--|---|--------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|
| SPEESE MARK E | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | Director | | 10% (| Owner |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2012 | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) Chairman of the Brd & CEO | | | |
| (Street) PLANO (City) | TX | | 75024 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | son |
| (- 9) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. 4. 9 | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | | nd 5) | Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Repor Transa (Instr. | ted action(s) 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common 08 | | | | 08/24/20 |)12 | | | S | | 200,000 | D | \$36 | .0112 | 4 | 5,677 | I | By Spouse |
| Common | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,0 | 002,578 | D | | |
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| Common | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 08,646 | I | by GRAT |
| | 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) | ative Conversion Date Execution Date, ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | | ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | rice of vative urity tr. 5) | ative derivative ity Securities | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) (D) | Date Exerci | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Number of Shares | r | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Mark E. Speese

08/27/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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