

**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)  
October 30, 2017**

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**RENT-A-CENTER, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-38047**

(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)).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 30, 2017, Steven L. Pepper resigned from his position as director and Chairman of the Board of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the “Company”), with his resignation taking effect on October 31, 2017. Prior to his resignation, Mr. Pepper was a member of the Company’s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Mr. Pepper informed the Company that he was resigning as a result of his disagreement with the Board’s decision to initiate a process through which the Company will explore various strategic and financial alternatives. Mr. Pepper furnished a letter to the members of the Board concerning his resignation, a copy of which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Letter from Steven L. Pepper to Rent-A-Center Board of Directors, dated October 30, 2017</a>

**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: November 3, 2017

By: /s/ Dawn M. Wolverson  
Dawn M. Wolverson  
Vice President – Assistant General Counsel and Secretary

October 30, 2017

Board of Directors  
Rent-A-Center, Inc.  
5501 Headquarters Drive  
Plano, TX 75024

Today Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the “Company”) is announcing a decision of the Company's Board of Directors (the “Board”) to initiate a process whereby the Company will explore various strategic and financial alternatives. I do not believe that this decision at this time is in the best interest of all shareholders.

Therefore, I hereby tender my resignation as Chairman of the Board and member of the Board, effective October 31, 2017 at noon CST.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Steven L. Pepper*

Steven L. Pepper