FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* APOLLO INVESTMENT FUND IV LP						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII]									5. Relationship of Repo (Check all applicable) Director			rson(s) to Is	
						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2004									Offic belov	er (give title w)		Other (spec below)	
(Street) PURCHA			L0577 Zip)		4. If <i>i</i>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Perform filed by More than One Reperson										orting Pers	on		
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Seci	uritie	s Acc	quired	, Dis	posed o	f, or l	Bene	ficiall	y Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Exe if ar	. Deemed ecution Date, iny onth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		es Acqı Of (D) (I	uired (A Instr. 3,) or 4 and 5	Securi Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or	Price	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)			(1113411 4)
Common	1 Stock 03/02/2004							S		1,898,16	63 D \$3		\$32.1	2 8,8	8,844,001		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date I Expiration (Month/I	on Dat		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		S (I	. Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	e V (A)		(D)			Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share	ber					

Explanation of Responses:

See Signature Attached As Exhibit 99.1

03/03/2004

** 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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Apollo Investment Fund IV, L.P.

By: Apollo Advisors IV, L.P.

its General Partner

By: Apollo Capital Management IV, Inc.

its General Partner /s/ Patricia M. Navis

Name: Patricia M. Navis Title: Vice President