FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFICIA	L OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ROBERTS LEONARD H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII]								ck all appli	,					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2009									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify		
(Street) PLANO (City)	T2		75024 (Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line)	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date,			Code (Instr. 5)			str. 3, 2	4 and Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte		es Formially (D) (Following (I) (I		rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
							Code	٧	Amount	unt (A) or P		ice	Transac (Instr. 3						
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
			Transa Code (I	snsaction de (Instr. 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)		E	B. 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		xpiration ate	Title	Amor or Num of Share	ber					
Director Deferred Stock Unit	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2009			A		2,833		(1)		(1)	Common	2,83	33	\$0	2,833		D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each Director Deferred Stock Unit represents the right to receive one share of the common stock, \$.01 par value per share, of the issuer ("Common Stock"). The Director Deferred Stock Units are fully vested and non-forfeitable. The Common Stock will be issued to the reporting person upon the termination of his service as a member of the issuer's board of directors.

Remarks:

Leonard H. Roberts 01/05/2009

** 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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