FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* APOLLO ADVISORS IV LP						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII]									elationshi ck all app Direc	,			lssuer Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) TWO MANHATTANVILLE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2004									Offic below	er (give title w)	•	Othe belov	r (specify v)
(Street) PURCHA	PURCHASE NY 10577				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date			3. Transa Code (8)			urities Acquired (A) or sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			5. Amor Securit Benefic Owned Reporte	ies For cially (D) Following (I)		wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pri	ice	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(11301. 4)
Common Stock 11/19/20					2004	004			S		2,100,00	0 0	\$	25.15	7,218,571(1)			I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	emed on Date, (Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		r. 3	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	or Numb of Share	er					

Explanation of Responses:

1. The amount reported includes 367,641 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Apollo Overseas Partners IV, L.P. ("Overseas IV") and 6,850,930 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Apollo Investment Fund IV, L.P. ("AIF IV"). The Reporting Person is the general partner of Overseas IV and AIF IV. Apollo Capital Management IV, Inc. ("ACM IV") is the general partner of the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person, ACM IV and Messrs. Leon Black and John Hannan, the executive officers and directors of ACM IV, disclaim beneficial ownership of all shares of the Issuer owned by Overseas IV or AIF IV, except to the extent such persons or entities have a pecuniary interest in such securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that any such person or entity is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, any such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

> Apollo Advisors IV, L.P., By: **Apollo Capital Management** IV, Inc. its General Partner, /s/ Patricia M. Navis, Name: Patricia M. Navis, Title: Vice **President**

11/19/2004

** 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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