

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Vecchione Kenneth

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
 [ECPG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO  
 NORTH, SUITE 103  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/21/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2017                           |  | A                              | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Code V Amount Price<br>23,633<br>(1)          | \$ 0 233,887  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 125   | I  | By son                            |

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

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**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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/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 Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| Vecchione Kenneth<br>3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH<br>SUITE 103<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Greg Call, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Vecchione  
 Date: 02/22/2017

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- Grant to the reporting person of restricted stock awards ("RSAs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2013 Incentive Compensation Plan. The RSAs are subject to vesting and vest in equal installments, with one-half vesting on December 31, 2018 and one-half vesting on December 31, 2019.

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