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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Bell Ryan B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 103

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

Common

Stock

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

below) EVP and COO of MCM

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (specify

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2018

Code (D) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4)

 $\mathbf{F}^{(1)}$ 1.574 D D 16,145 23.5

Price

or

(D)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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			4, and 5)								
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		or		
								Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bell Ryan B

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 103

EVP and COO of MCM

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

Signatures

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Ryan Bell

01/03/2019

**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).
- (1) Disposal relates to the withholding of securities for the payment of the tax liability incident to the vesting of stock awards.

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