

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 *
BARKLEY BARRY R

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)
C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC., 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/29/2006

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | S | 1,000 | D \$ 14.55 | 55,206 | I Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | S | 845 | D \$ 14.57 | 54,361 | I Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | S | 1,000 | D \$ 14.5795 | 53,361 | I Barry R. Barkley Trust dated |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------|--------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 5,218 | D | \$ 14.58 | 48,143 | I | 10/14/1998 Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.582 | 47,143 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.585 | 46,143 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,133 | D | \$ 14.59 | 45,010 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 3,200 | D | \$ 14.6 | 41,810 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.604 | 40,810 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.62 | 39,810 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 700 | D | \$ 14.63 | 39,110 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 14.64 | 37,710 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 2,793 | D | \$ 14.65 | 34,917 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 3,001 | D | \$ 14.67 | 31,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|--------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.6726 | 30,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.6744 | 29,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.6777 | 28,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.6794 | 27,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.6877 | 26,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 14.69 | 23,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.6998 | 22,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.7 | 21,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.7451 | 20,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.7848 | 19,916 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 14.79 | 19,816 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| | 03/29/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 14.81 | 19,716 | I | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 14.82 | 18,716 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 14.85 | 18,616 | I | Barry R. Barkley Trust dated 10/14/1998 |

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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARKLEY BARRY R
C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.
8875 AERO DRIVE, #200
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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Signatures

/s/ Daniel Murphy, Attorney-in-Fact for Barry R.
Barkley

03/30/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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