#### ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC

Form 4

March 11, 2015

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Vecchione Kenneth Issuer Symbol **ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC** (Check all applicable) [ECPG] 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO 03/09/2015 President & CEO NORTH, SUITE 103 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acq Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D)		of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/09/2015		Code V A	Amount 29,204 (1)	(D)	\$ 0	166,037	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2015		F	15,954	D	\$ 41.3	150,083	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2015		A	16,658 (2)	A	\$0	166,741	D	

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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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	]
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

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

## **Signatures**

/s/ Greg Call, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Vecchione 03/11/2015

\*\*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) Represents shares granted in connection with the achievement of performance targets for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- Grant to the reporting person on March 9, 2015 of restricted stock awards ("RSAs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2013 Incentive (2) Compensation Plan. The RSAs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on March 9, 2016, one-third vesting on March 9, 2017, and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2018.

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