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*  McFate Carol A.  |  |  |  |      | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [ RCII ] |      |     |                     |   |           |              |  |                           | ationship<br>k all appli<br>Directo                 | ,   |  |  |  |  |
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| (Last)<br>5501 HE  | ,  | rst)<br>ΓERS DRIVE                         | (Middle)   |      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2022               |      |     |                     |   |           |              |  |                           | Officer<br>below)                                   | (give title   |  | Other (specify below)  |  |  |
| (Street) PLANO (City)                                      | T  | X  | 75024<br>(Zip)   | 4. 1 | Line  |      |     |                     |   |           |              |  |                           | Form  | r Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable In filed by One Reporting Person In filed by More than One Reporting In filed by More than One Reporting |  |  |  |  |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |  |      |   |      |     |                     |   |           |              |  |                           |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da |  |  |  |      | Execution Date,   |      |     | Code (In            | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 2) Code (Instr. 5)     |           |              | ed (A) or<br>str. 3, 4 a               | 4 and Securiti<br>Benefic |   | es<br>ally<br>Following   | Form<br>(D) o                                | n: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>nstr. 4)                                      | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |  |
|  |  |  |  |      |   |      |     | Code                | /   | Amount    | (A) o<br>(D) | r<br>Price                             |                           | Transac<br>(Instr. 3                                | ction(s)  |  |  | ,iiiəu. 4)   |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |      |   |      |     |                     |   |           |              |  |                           |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea | Code |   | of E |     | Expiration D        | i. Date Exercisable and<br>expiration Date<br>Month/Day/Year) |           |              | d<br>f<br>g<br>Security<br>nd 4)       | De<br>Se<br>(Ir           | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4)                                | Own<br>Form<br>Iy Direct<br>or In<br>(I) (In | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |  | Code | v   | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable |   | opiration | Title        | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                           |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Director<br>Deferred<br>Stock Unit                         | (1)  | 07/01/2022                                 |  | A    |   | 904  |     | (1)                 |   | (1)       | Common       | 904                                    |                           | (1)   | 18,31   | 8  | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Each Director Deferred Stock Unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the issuer ("Common Stock"). The Director Deferred Stock Units are fully vested and non-forfeitable. The Common Stock will be issued to the reporting person upon the termination of her service as a member of the issuer's board of directors.

## Remarks:

/s/ Bryan Pechersky, attorneyin-fact

07/05/2022

\*\* 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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