

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>BLACK J BRANDON</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 1300  (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92108  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ ECPG ]	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">President &amp; CEO</p>
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> 09/27/2012	
	<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>	

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/27/2012		s <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000	D	\$28.15 <sup>(2)</sup>	59,048	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2012		s <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000	D	\$28.45 <sup>(3)</sup>	39,048	D	
Common Stock								40,694	I	By the Black Family Trust

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The sales reported were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 27, 2012.
- The shares were sold in multiple transactions on September 27, 2012 at per share prices ranging from \$27.88 to \$28.37, inclusive. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to supply the Staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form 4 upon request.
- The shares were sold in multiple transactions on October 1, 2012 at per share prices ranging from \$28.08 to \$28.83, inclusive.

/s/ Melissa A. Ressler,  
Attorney-in-Fact for J.  
Brandon Black

10/01/2012

\*\* 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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