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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

AUGUST 12, 2002

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

DELAWARE

0-25370

48-1024367

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5700 TENNYSON PARKWAY
THIRD FLOOR
PLANO, TEXAS 75024
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

(972) 801-1100
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE
NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

NO CHANGE
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 12, 2002, Mark E. Speese, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and Robert D. Davis, Senior Vice President-Finance, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, of Rent-A-Center, Inc. each submitted a certification to the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to Rent-A-Center, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BUSINESSES ACQUIRED.

Not applicable.

(b) PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Not applicable.

(c) EXHIBITS

99.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Mark E. Speese.

99.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Robert D. Davis.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

Date: August 12, 2002

By: /s/ Robert D. Davis

Robert D. Davis
Senior Vice President-Finance,
Treasurer and Chief Financial
Officer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2002 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Mark E. Speese, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge,:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Mark E. Speese

Mark E. Speese
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer
August 12, 2002

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
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In connection with the Quarterly Report of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2002 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Robert D. Davis, Senior Vice President - Finance, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge,:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Robert D. Davis

Robert D. Davis
Senior Vice President-Finance,
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
August 12, 2002

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