

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>APOLLO ADVISORS IV LP</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>TWO MANHATTANVILLE RD</u> <u>2ND FL</u> (Street) <u>PURCHASE NY 10577</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RENT A CENTER INC [RCIH]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/31/2003</u>		
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/31/2003		S		200,000	D	\$73	5,627,356 ⁽¹⁾	I	through partnership ⁽¹⁾

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)		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	(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

1. The amount reported includes 286,537 shares of Common Stock owned by Apollo Overseas Partners IV, L.P. ("Overseas IV") and 5,340,819 shares of Common Stock owned by Apollo Investment Fund IV, L.P. ("AIF IV"). The Reporting Person is the general partner of Overseas IV and AIF IV. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of the Issuer owned by Overseas IV or AIF IV, except to the extent the Reporting Person has a pecuniary interest in such securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, any such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

Apollo Advisors IV, L.P. 08/01/2003
By: Apollo Capital
Management IV, Inc. its 08/01/2003
General Partner
Michael D. Weiner, Vice
President 08/01/2003

** 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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