

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Grinberg Paul

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH,
 SUITE 1300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/07/2014

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/07/2014		A	9,033 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2014		A	22,591 ⁽²⁾	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2014		F	9,756	\$ 48.69	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2014		M	10,999 ⁽³⁾	\$ 16.19	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2014		S	400 ⁽³⁾	\$ 47.86	D	

				<u>(4)</u>			
Common Stock	03/10/2014	S	10,599 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 48.63	191,123	D
					<u>(5)</u>		

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)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 16.19	03/10/2014		M	10,999 <u>(3)</u>	<u>(6)</u> 11/01/2015	Common Stock	10,999

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grinberg Paul 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108			Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer	

Signatures

/s/ Brandt Schmidt, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul Grinberg
03/11/2014

**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) Grant to the reporting person on March 7, 2014 of restricted stock awards ("RSAs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2013 Incentive 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, 2015, one-third vesting on March 9, 2016, and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2017.

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- (2) Grant to the reporting person on March 7, 2014 of RSAs under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2013 Incentive Compensation Plan. The RSAs are subject to vesting and vest in their entirety on December 31, 2016.
- (3) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 20, 2013.
- (4) This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$47.78 to \$47.97 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore"), any security holder of Encore, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares hold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (5) This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.00 to \$48.99 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Encore, any security holder of Encore, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares hold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (6) The option vested in three equal installments on November 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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