

Grinberg Paul
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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)
President, International

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH,
SUITE 103

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/26/2017

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) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|----------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price (A) or (D) | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/26/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 6,666 | A | \$ 22.17 | 250,171 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/26/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 37,254 | D | \$ 42.42 | 212,917 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/26/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 292 | D | \$ 43.1 | 212,625 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/26/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 992 | D | \$ 42.42 | 1,508 | I | PG Mountain Ventures |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 24, 2017 as part of the reporting person's financial planning to diversify his stockholdings.

(2) This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$42.10 to \$43.05, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Encore Capital Group, Inc., any security holder of Encore Capital Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(3) The option vested in three equal installments on March 9, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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