

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 \*  
 GREGORY CARL C III

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/02/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount or Price			
Common Stock	01/02/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>		A	3,607	A \$ 0	15,607 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						96,241 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Carl C. Gregory, III Family Trust dated 07/16/87
Common Stock						100	I	By Daughter

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GREGORY CARL C III 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Paul Grinberg, Attorney-in-Fact for Carl C. Gregory, III  
 Date: 01/06/2009

\_\_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) On January 2, 2009, Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore") issued 3,607 restricted stock units ("RSUs") to Carl C. Gregory, III, under the Encore 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, in connection with his service as a member of Encore's board of directors.  
 These shares are in the form of RSUs. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore common stock upon settlement.
- (2) 6,000 of these RSUs will vest on May 1, 2010 and an additional 6,000 will vest on May 1, 2011. The remaining 3,607 of these RSUs are fully vested.
- (3) Includes 6,000 shares previously owned directly which were contributed to the Carl C. Gregory, III, Family Trust dated 7/16/87 on May 1, 2008.

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