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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Syran James A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC

[ECPG]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

11/27/2013

Director X_ Officer (give title _

__Other (specify below) Sr VP, Ops & Chief Mkting Off.

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, **SUITE 1300**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

(City)	(State)	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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	11/27/2013		Code V M	Amount 5,000 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 24.65	(Instr. 3 and 4) 64,337	D		
Common Stock	11/27/2013		S	5,000 (1)	D	\$ 47.1563 (2)	59,337	D		
Common Stock							5,000	I	By trust (3)	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 24.65	11/27/2013		M	5,000 (1)	<u>(4)</u>	03/15/2021	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Syran James A.

3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

Sr VP, Ops & Chief Mkting Off.

Signatures

/s/ Brandt Schmidt, Attorney-in-Fact for James A. Syran

12/02/2013

**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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 16, 2013.
- This price represents a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$47.00 to \$47.20, 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 sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- On August 19, 2013, the reporting person contributed 5,000 shares of Encore common stock to a charitable lead trust of which the reporting person is a trustee and a beneficiary. The reporting person continues to report beneficial ownership of all of the Encore common stock held by the trust but disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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

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