

PRUITT ROBIN R
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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 *
PRUITT ROBIN R

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)
SVP, General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC, 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/08/2005

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
Common Stock	02/08/2005		M		6,000	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		4,700	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		400	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		800	D	

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Common Stock \$ 21.25

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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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1	02/08/2005		M	6,000	09/01/2002 ⁽²⁾ 11/15/2011	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRUITT ROBIN R C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123			SVP, General Counsel	

Signatures

/S/ ROBIN R. PRUITT 02/09/2005

**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 sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on January 13, 2005.
- (2) The option vests 12,500 shares on 9/1/02; 12,500 shares on 9/1/03; 12,500 shares on 9/1/04, and 37,500 shares on 9/1/05.
- (3) N/A

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