

RENT A CENTER INC DE  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2018

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.3

Date of Report:  
(Date of earliest event reported)  
February 20, 2018

Rent-A-Center, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-38047 45-0491516  
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (IRS Employer  
incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

5501 Headquarters Drive  
Plano, Texas 75024  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(972) 801-1100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting

standards provided pursuant  
to Section 13(a) of the  
Exchange Act.

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is the Registrant's press release reflecting earnings information for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

The press release contains information regarding EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), which is a non-GAAP financial measure as defined in Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K. The press release also contains a reconciliation of EBITDA to the Registrant's reported earnings before income taxes. The Company's management believes that presentation of EBITDA is useful to investors, as among other things, this information impacts certain financial covenants under the Company's senior credit facilities and the indentures governing its 6.625% senior unsecured notes due November 2020 and its 4.75% senior unsecured notes due May 2021. While management believes this non-GAAP financial measure is useful in evaluating the Company, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for or superior to the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Further, the non-GAAP financial measure may differ from similar measures presented by other companies.

Pursuant to General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, all of the information contained in Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K and the accompanying Exhibit 99.1 shall be deemed to be "furnished" and not "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, therefore, shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description                                   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | <u>Press release, dated February 20, 2018</u> |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

Date: February 20, 2018 By: /s/ Maureen B. Short  
Maureen B. Short  
Interim Chief Financial Officer