

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/23/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	08/23/2007		A		10,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 23,500 D
Common Stock	08/23/2007		A	V	10,000 (2)	A	\$ 0 33,500 D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.92	08/23/2007		A	20,000	(3) 08/23/2017	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.63	08/23/2007		D	250,000 (4)	(5) 09/20/2014	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grinberg Paul 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92123			Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Robin R. Pruitt, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul Grinberg  
Date: 08/27/2007

\*\*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).

- Grant to the reporting person on August 23, 2007 of deferred issuance restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore's common stock. The RSUs are subject to vesting. 100% of the shares will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant; provided that if the reporting person's
- (1) employment is terminated without cause prior to the vesting date, 10% will vest if such termination occurs prior to the first anniversary of the date of grant, 20% will vest if such termination occurs on or after the first anniversary of the date of grant but prior to the second anniversary, and 30% will vest if such termination occurs on or after the second anniversary of the date of grant but prior to the third anniversary.
  - (2) Grant to the reporting person on August 23, 2007 of performance shares under the Plan. The performance shares are subject to vesting and will vest upon the achievement by Encore of certain financial goals.
  - (3) The option was granted under the Plan and vests in three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the date of grant, commencing on August 23, 2008.

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- (4) Voluntary cancellation for no value of an option to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock granted to the reporting person under the Plan on September 20, 2004.
- (5) The option vests in five equal annual installments on the anniversary of the date of grant, commencing on September 20, 2005.

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