

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC  
 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 \*  
**BLACK J BRANDON**

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)  
 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO  
 NORTH, SUITE 1300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/05/2012

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/05/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 20,000  | D   | \$ 26.3 <sub>(2)</sub>                                   | 19,048 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/05/2012                           |  | M                              | 44,070  | D   | \$ 15.42   | 63,118 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/05/2012                           |  | M                              | 33,333  | D   | \$ 12.01   | 96,451 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/05/2012                           |  | F                              | 57,984  | D   | \$ 26.35   | 38,467 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/07/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 16,769  | D   | \$ 26.6 <sub>(3)</sub>                                   | 21,698 D  |

|                 |        |   |                                    |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 40,694 | I | By the<br>Black<br>Family<br>Trust |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------------------------------|

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 15.42   | 11/05/2012                           |  | M                              | 44,070  | 05/03/2006 05/03/2015                                    | Common Stock 44,070   |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 12.01   | 11/05/2012                           |  | M                              | 33,333  | 10/29/2005 10/29/2013                                    | Common Stock 33,333   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| BLACK J BRANDON<br>3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH<br>SUITE 1300<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa A. Ressler, Attorney-in-Fact for J. Brandon  
Black

11/07/2012

\_\_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 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 27, 2012.  
The shares were sold in multiple transactions on November 5, 2012 at per share prices ranging from \$26.17 to \$26.48, inclusive. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to supply the Staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form 4 upon request.
- (2) The shares were sold in multiple transactions on November 5, 2012 at per share prices ranging from \$26.17 to \$26.48, inclusive.
- (3) The shares were sold in multiple transactions on November 7, 2012 at per share prices ranging from \$26.56 to \$26.79, inclusive.

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