

RENT A CENTER INC DE  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2008

**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**

**Date of Report:  
(Date of earliest event reported)  
December 23, 2008**

**RENT-A-CENTER, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-25370**  
(Commission File Number)

**45-0491516**  
(IRS Employer 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)

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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On December 23, 2008, the Board of Directors of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the Board ) appointed Paula Stern, Ph.D. to fill a vacancy on the Board. Dr. Stern will serve as a Class I director until the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders. Dr. Stern has not been, and is not expected to be, named to any committee of the Board at this time. The Board has determined that Dr. Stern is independent as defined by the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibit 99.1

Press Release, dated December 23, 2008.

**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: December 23, 2008

By: /s/ Ronald D. DeMoss  
Ronald D. DeMoss  
Executive Vice President    General  
Counsel and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
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| 99.1               | Press release, dated December 23, 2008 |