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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Form 5 obligations may continue. *See* Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

GREGORY CARL C III

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| | | | ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG] | | | | NC | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|---|--------|---|-------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2007 | | | | | X Director Officer (giv below) | ve titleOther (specify below) | | | |
| | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | any | | emed on Date, if /Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | | of of 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) | | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2007 | | | A | 24,000 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 24,000 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 100 | I | By daughter | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 110,000 | I | By Carl C. Gregory, III Family Trust dated 07/16/87 | | |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Date | | Amoun | it of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | - | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
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| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration Date | or Title Number | | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | | | | | |
| | | | | C 1 W | (A) (D) | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GREGORY CARL C III 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 X SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

Signatures

/s/ Robin R. Pruitt, Attorney-in-fact for Carl C.
Gregory, III
05/03/2007

**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).
- (1) Award of deferred issuance restricted stock subject to time-based vesting under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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