

BLACK J BRANDON  
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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)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)      \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President and COO

(Last)      (First)      (Middle)  
  
C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC, 5775 ROSCOE COURT  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2004

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	100	D \$ 22.03	38,981	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	100	D \$ 22.05	38,881	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	1	D \$ 22.07	38,880	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	199	D \$ 22.08	38,681	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004		S	100	D \$ 22.09	38,581	D

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Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	4,500	D	\$ 22.25	34,081	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,700	D	\$ 22.37	32,381	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	3,100	D	\$ 22.43	29,281	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	100	D	\$ 22.45	29,181	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	2,105	D	\$ 22.49	27,076	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,700	D	\$ 22.5	25,376	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	5,429	D	\$ 22.51	19,947	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	5,357	D	\$ 22.52	14,590	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,900	D	\$ 22.53	12,690	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	300	D	\$ 22.54	12,390	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	3,711	D	\$ 22.55	8,679	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	100	D	\$ 22.56	8,579	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	2,800	D	\$ 22.6	5,779	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	100	D	\$ 22.61	5,679	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	1,486	D	\$ 22.63	4,193	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	173	D	\$ 22.65	4,020	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	500	D	\$ 22.67	3,520	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	3,400	D	\$ 22.7	120	D
Common Stock	12/10/2004	S	120	D	\$ 22.77	0	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)

Table with 10 columns: 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), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6).

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: BLACK J BRANDON, C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC, 5775 ROSCOE COURT, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123, President and COO.

Signatures

/s/ J. BRANDON
BLACK 12/13/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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