Stannard Kenneth J Form 4 March 12, 2019

FORM 4

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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**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Stannard Kenneth J Issuer Symbol **ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC** (Check all applicable) [ECPG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO 03/09/2019 Cabot Credit Management CEO NORTH, SUITE 103 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

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(City)	(State) (A	Table Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired ansaction(A) or Disposed of			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	, ,	any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5	5)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/09/2019		A	15,673 (1)	A	\$0	163,015	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2019		A	13,082 (2)	A	\$0	176,097	D	

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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	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stannard Kenneth J 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH **SUITE 103** SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

Cabot Credit Management CEO

Signatures

/s/ Michael Chin, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Stannard

03/12/2019

**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 March 9, 2019 of restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2017 Incentive Award Plan. The RSUs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on March 9, 2020, one-third vesting on March 9, 2021, and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2022. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore Capital Group, Inc. common stock.
- Grant to the reporting person on March 9, 2019 of RSUs under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2017 Incentive Award Plan. The RSUs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments on July 24, 2020 and July 24, 2021. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore Capital Group, Inc. common stock.

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