Graffam Fred Form 4 December 22, 2017

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Graffam Fred

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

5251 DTC PARKWAY, SUITE 1000

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Ascent Capital Group, Inc.

[ASCMA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Code V

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Senior Vice President & CFO

10% Owner Other (specify

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of

Issuer

below)

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if
(Instr. 3)		any
		(Month/Day/Year)

Code (D) (Instr. 8)

Amount

Transaction(A) or Disposed of

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Securities

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Series A Common 12/21/2017 Stock

12,755

\$0 12,755 (1) (1)

or

(D)

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exer		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable Date	*	Title	Number		
							Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Graffam Fred

5251 DTC PARKWAY, SUITE 1000 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111 Senior Vice President & CFO

Signatures

/s/ William E Niles, attorney-in-fact

12/22/2017

**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).
- Such shares represent restricted shares and shall vest in three equal annual installments, with the first such installment vesting on October 8, 2018.

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