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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LENTELL J V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

105 NORTH MAIN

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/03/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

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

Person

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

WICHITA, KS 67202

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Derivative Security

(Instr. 3)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security		(A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Director Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 26.54	01/03/2005	A		5,000		01/03/2005	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LENTELL J V 105 NORTH MAIN WICHITA, KS 67202	X						

Signatures

/s/ J.V. Lentell 01/05/2005

**Signature of 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).
- On January 3, 2005, the reporting person was granted 5,000 options to purchase the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (1) (the "Common Stock"), on a one-for-one basis, pursuant to the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The options expire 10 years from the date of grant and are immediately available for exercise.
- Represents the total number of options granted to the reporting person pursuant to this grant. The reporting person has an additional 60,000 options to purchase the Company's Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect a 5-for-2 stock split effected by the Company on August 29, 2003) pursuant to options previously granted to the reporting person on January 2, 1998, January 4, 1999, January 3, 2000, January 2, 2001, January 2, 2002, January 2, 2003, and January 2, 2004. All of these options are currently exercisable.

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