

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Syran James A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC
 [ECPG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH,
 SUITE 1300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/07/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, New Bus. Integration

SAN DIEGO, CA 92108

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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	03/07/2014		A	4,886 (1)	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2014		F	5,794	\$ 48.69	D	
Common Stock					5,000	I	By Trust (2)

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)	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 Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Syran James A. 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 1300 SAN DIEGO, CA 92108			EVP, New Bus. Integration	

Signatures

/s/ Brandt Schmidt, Attorney-in-Fact for James A. Syran
 03/11/2014
 **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) Grant to the reporting person on March 7, 2014 of restricted stock awards ("RSAs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2013 Incentive Compensation Plan. The RSAs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on March 9, 2015, one-third vesting on March 9, 2016, and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2017.
 - (2) On August 19, 2013, the reporting person contributed 5,000 shares of Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore") common stock to a charitable lead trust of which the reporting person is a trustee and a beneficiary. The reporting person continues to report beneficial ownership of all of the Encore common stock held by the trust but disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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