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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kavanagh Michael Joseph	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [CCI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE 600	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2018	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specibelow) SVP & Chief Commercial Officer			
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77057	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Stock \$0.01 Par Value	01/03/2018		M	3,840	A	\$ 0	27,494	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par Value	01/03/2018		F	1,100	D (1)	\$ 108.93	26,394	D	
Common Stock \$0.01 Par							650 (2)	I	By 401(k)

Value

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Time RSUs	<u>(3)</u>	01/03/2018		M	3,840	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,840	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kavanagh Michael Joseph 1220 AUGUSTA DRIVE SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77057

SVP & Chief Commercial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael Joseph Kavanagh 01/04/2018

**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).
- Represents shares withheld by the issuer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of (1) certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") previously granted to the Reporting Person. Such withholding is exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(e).
- (2) Represents shares previously acquired in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).

(3)

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Each RSU is issued pursuant to the Company's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan and represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock, and vesting (i.e., forfeiture restriction termination) generally is subject to (i) the reporting person remaining an employee or director of the Company or its affiliates and (ii) the other criteria described in footnote 4 below.

(4) These Time RSUs were previously granted on January 3, 2017. 33 1/3% of the original grant amount of these Time RSUs vests on January 3 of each of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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