

RENT A CENTER INC DE

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**September 14, 2006**

**Rent-A-Center, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-25370**

(Commission File Number)

**45-0491516**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5700 Tennyson Parkway**

**Suite 100**

**Plano, Texas 75024**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(972) 801-1100**

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 14, 2006, Rent-A-Center, Inc. and Rent-Way, Inc. announced that the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, relating to Rent-A-Center's proposed acquisition of Rent-Way, expired on September 13, 2006. A copy of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

In connection with the proposed merger, Rent-Way has filed a preliminary proxy statement and intends to file a final proxy statement and related materials concerning the transaction with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. THESE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THEM CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. When available, Rent-Way will mail the final proxy statement and related materials to its shareholders. When filed with the SEC, the final proxy statement and related materials will be available for free (along with any other document and reports filed by Rent Way with the SEC) at the SEC's website, <http://www.sec.gov>, and at Rent-Way's website, <http://www.rentway.com>.

**Participant Information**

Rent-Way and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Rent-Way shareholders in connection with the proposed merger. Certain information regarding the participants and their interests in the solicitation is set forth in the proxy statement for Rent-Way's 2006 annual meeting of shareholders filed with the SEC on January 31, 2006, and a Form 10-K filed by Rent-Way with the SEC on December 29, 2005, both of which are available free of charge from the SEC and Rent-Way at their web sites as indicated above.

Information regarding the interests of these persons in the solicitation will be more specifically set forth in the final proxy statement concerning the proposed merger that will be filed by Rent-Way with the SEC and which will be available free of charge from the SEC and from Rent-Way at their websites, as indicated above.

In addition, Rent-A-Center and its officers and directors may be deemed to have participated in the solicitation of proxies from Rent-Way's shareholders in favor of the approval of the acquisition. Information concerning Rent-A-Center's directors and executive officers is set forth in Rent-A-Center's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 31, 2006, and annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 10, 2006. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by going to Rent-A-Center's Investor Relations Website at [www.rentacenter.com](http://www.rentacenter.com).

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated September 14, 2006.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

Date: September 14, 2006

By: /s/ Mark E. Speese

Mark E. Speese  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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