

CATES JAMES L  
Form 5  
February 14, 2006

# FORM 5

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CATES JAMES L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

309 E. PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E.

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30305-

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AARON RENTS INC [RNT]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Senior Group VP and Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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Person

#### 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) | (A) or (D) | 5. Amount or Price  | 6. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Aaron Rnts Com Stock            | 12/19/2005                           | Â                                                  | G                              | 20                                                                | A          | \$ 20.5 3,017       |                                                                                            | D                                                        | Â                                                     |
| Aaron Rnts Com Stock            | 12/30/2005                           | Â                                                  | L                              | 122.5525                                                          | A          | \$ 21.08 4,727.2866 |                                                                                            | I                                                        | By 401(k)                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. ot<br>D<br>Se<br>Bo<br>O<br>En<br>Is<br>Fi<br>(I |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A) (D)                                                                                                            |                                                                |                                                                           |                                                     |                                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                                      | Director 10% Owner Officer Other      |
| CATES JAMES L<br>309 E. PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E.<br>ATLANTA, GA 30305- | Â Â Â Senior Group VP and Secretary Â |

## Signatures

Aleksandra T. Nearing, by Power of Attorney for James L. Cates 02/14/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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