DEFEO RONALD M

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DEFEO RONALD M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

UNITED RENTALS INC /DE [URI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

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

C/O UNITED RENTALS. INC., FIVE GREENWICH OFFICE

(Street)

PARK

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

01/06/2005

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(State) (Zip) (City)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Conversion

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

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Underlying Securities Deriva

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			of		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu: (Instr
				Code V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)	01/06/2005		A	1,607		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,607	\$ 1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEFEO RONALD M C/O UNITED RENTALS, INC. FIVE GREENWICH OFFICE PARK GREENWICH, CT 06830



Signatures

Units

Ronald M. 01/07/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) The Phantom Stock Units were acquired under the United Rentals, Inc., Deferred Compensation Plan For Directors and are deemed to be invested in shares of Common Stock.
- (2) The Common Stock represented by the Phantom Stock Units will be paid to Mr. DeFeo on the first day of the month immediately following termination of his service as a director.
- (3) Represents amount of deferred fees used to acquire one Phantom Stock Unit.

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