FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Respo | onses) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|---|---------|------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- Rainey Paul | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. [ENT] | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6100 CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 1020 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2017 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA 90045 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Cheek 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | Exe Year) any | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if ear) any (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | ed (A) | (Instr. 3 and 4) Form: | | Ownership Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | (WO | inii Di | ay/ rear) | Code | | V | Amou | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | <u>1)</u> | | 12/21/2017 | | | A | | | 101,24 | 6 A | \$ 0 | 101, | 101,246 | | | D | | |
| Reminder: Report o | n a separate line | e for each class of se | | ble II - Dei | ivativ | e Securi | ties Acqu | ar co ired, | re not ontrol , Dispo | require numbers | ed to resp | ond unl | less t | on of informati he form display | | | | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | | | Execution Date, if | 4. Transac Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 8) Acquire Dispose | | ber of tive Securities | | 6. Dat Expira | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4 | | ecurities | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | Ownership Form of Derivative | Beneficial |
| | | | | Code | V | (A | A) (| (D) | Date Exerci | isable I | Expiration Date | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | or Indirect | |
| Stock Options Right to Buy (2) | \$ 3.21 | 12/21/2017 | | A | | 232, | 026 | | (| 2) 1 | 2/21/2024 | Com | | 232,026 | \$ 0 | 232,026 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| D | Relationships | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | |
| Rainey Paul 6100 CENTER DRIVE SUITE 1020 LOS ANGELES, CA 90045 | | | Chief Financial Officer | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Colleen Brooks, Attorney-in-Fact | 12/26/2017 | | |
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| 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) These shares were granted as restricted stock units, and will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first installment vesting on April 3, 2018, subject to continuous employment on each vesting date.
- (2) These stock options will vest on the following schedule: (i) with respect to one-quarter of the underlying shares, on April 3, 2018; and (ii) with respect to the remaining underlying shares, monthly on a pro rata basis during the fo until fully vested; in each case subject to continuous employment on each vesting date.

Remarks:

The grants in this Form 4 are "backlog grants" promised to the Reporting Person earlier in 2017, the issuance of which was subject to stockholder approval of our new 2017 Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan. Our stockholders approved the new Plan on December 21, 2017. We described this grant in our Schedule 14A filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Nov

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