FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Simon Kenneth Jay			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2016  3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP [ CCI ]						]		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)				tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director	n(s) to Issue	(Mo	f Amendment, Da onth/Day/Year)	ate of Original Filed	
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(Street) HOUSTON	TX	77057				SVP and General (	Counsel		-	y One Reporting Person y More than One erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)				4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr			4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Time RSUs			(1)	(1)		Common Stock	19,000	0.0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Each Restricted Stock Unit ("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 17. Start Result (Storte Storte Stort

## Remarks:

01/04/2016 Kenneth Jay Simon

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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