



## **Aaron Rents, Inc. Names Kevin E. Leary Director of Operations Of Sight & Sound**

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ATLANTA, Feb 11, 2003 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Aaron Rents, Inc. (NYSE: RNT), the nation's leader in the rental, sales and lease ownership, and specialty retailing of residential and office furniture, consumer electronics and home appliances and accessories, today announced that Kevin E. Leary has joined the Company as Director of Operations of the Company's Sight & Sound stores. Sight & Sound, a retailer of electronics, appliances and furniture, was acquired by Aaron Rents last August and operates 25 stores in Oklahoma and Kansas.

"We are very pleased to bring on board an individual with the retailing experience that Kevin possesses," said R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron Rents, Inc. "His retailing knowledge will greatly assist in improving the performance of the Sight & Sound stores. The Sight & Sound acquisition has been an experiment for us to see if we can successfully offer our Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership transaction in a traditional retail store. Although retail sales to date have been disappointing, we are encouraged by the increasing number of customers that are taking the lease option."

Mr. Leary began his career with Circuit City in 1974, and held various management, sales and operational positions during his 28 years with the company. His most recent position was Regional Vice President, South East Region, being responsible for the sales and operations of 48 stores in 8 southeastern states. He has an A.S. degree in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Farmingdale and a B.S. degree in Business Administration from C.W. Post College. He is married with two children and resides in the Atlanta area.

Aaron Rents, Inc., based in Atlanta, currently has more than 715 Company- operated and franchised stores across the United States and Puerto Rico for the rental and sale of residential and office furniture, accessories, consumer electronics and household appliances. The Company also manufactures furniture, bedding and accessories at 10 facilities in four states.

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