

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 GRUBE CRAIG A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 120 CORPORATE BLVD, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

NORFOLK, VA 23502

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC [PRAA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/10/2006

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)  
 Executive VP - Acquisitions

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S			100	D	\$ 49.25	37,925	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S			100	D	\$ 49.27	37,825	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S			200	D	\$ 49.28	37,625	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S			100	D	\$ 49.29	37,525	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2006		S			300	D	\$ 49.58	37,225	D	

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Common Stock 05/10/2006 S 200 D \$ 49.59 37,025 D

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

# Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

GRUBE CRAIG A  
120 CORPORATE BLVD  
SUITE 100  
NORFOLK, VA 23502

Executive VP - Acquisitions

# Signatures

/s/ Craig A. Grube      05/11/2006

**\*\*Signature of Reporting Person      Date**

# Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
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