BROPHEY WILLIAM P

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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BROPHEY WILLIAM P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC [PRAA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 120 CORPOR	(First)	(Middle) SUITE 100	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street) NORFOLK, VA 23502			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zin)				

(City)	(State) (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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	Securities For Beneficially (D) Owned Inc.	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/17/2009		M	5,000	A	\$ 28.45	12,032	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S	900	D	\$ 49.11	11,132	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S	2,500	D	\$ 49.01	8,632	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S	1,600	D	\$ 48.98	7,032	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. Transactic 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. D So (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.45	11/17/2009		M	1,000	01/16/2005	01/16/2011	Common Stock	1,000	
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.45	11/17/2009		M	1,000	01/16/2006	01/16/2011	Common Stock	1,000	
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.45	11/17/2009		M	1,000	01/16/2007	01/16/2011	Common Stock	1,000	
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.45	11/17/2009		M	1,000	01/16/2008	01/16/2011	Common Stock	1,000	
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 28.45	11/17/2009		M	1,000	01/16/2009	01/16/2011	Common Stock	1,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
	X						

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Signatures

/s/ William P. 11/19/2009 Brohpey

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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