PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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)
04/17/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP - Acquisitions

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S(1)		750	D	$ 44.7	43,025	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S(1)		150	D	$ 44.73	42,875	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S(1)		250	D	$ 44.76	42,625	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S(1)		300	D	$ 44.77	42,325	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S(1)		2,668	D	$ 44.8	39,657	D	

Common Stock	04/17/2006	S[(1)]	650	D	$ 44.81	39,007	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006	S[(1)]	632	D	$ 44.82	38,375	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006	S[(1)]	750	D	$ 44.85	37,625	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006	S[(1)]	600	D	$ 44.9	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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	04/17/2006
**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).

(1) These sales are pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan. The plan allows for maximum sales of 27,000 shares during 2006. There are 0 shares remaining to be sold under the plan.

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