GRUBE CRAIG A Form 4

April 30, 2007

FORM 4

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

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

GRUBE CRAIG A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

120 CORPORATE BLVD, SUITE 100

(Street)

NORFOLK, VA 23502

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC [PRAA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) 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

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction	4. Securi		r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	()	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	of (D)	Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/27/2007		M(1)	4,600	A	\$ 13	33,125	D	
Common Stock	04/27/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	4,600	D	\$ 56	28,525	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 13	04/27/2007		X(1)		4,600	11/07/2006	11/07/2009	Common stock	4,600

Reporting Owners

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

GRUBE CRAIG A

120 CORPORATE BLVD Executive VP - SUITE 100 Acquisitions
NORFOLK, VA 23502

Signatures

/s/ Craig A. 04/30/2007 Grube

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- The exercise of stock options and sale of shares is pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan beginning in November 2006 and ending in May 2007. There are no shares remaining to be exercised/sold under the plan.

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