

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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/17/2006

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

NORFOLK, VA 23502

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	750	D \$ 44.7	43,025	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	150	D \$ 44.73	42,875	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	250	D \$ 44.76	42,625	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D \$ 44.77	42,325	D
Common Stock	04/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,668	D \$ 44.8	39,657	D



## 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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