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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GRUBE CRAIG A** Issuer Symbol PORTFOLIO RECOVERY (Check all applicable) ASSOCIATES INC [PRAA] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 120 CORPORATE BLVD, SUITE 04/03/2006 Executive VP - Acquisitions 100 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NORFOLK, VA 23502

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativo	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	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)
Common Stock	04/03/2006		Code V $S_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 1,250	(D)	Price \$ 46.4608	49,275	D	
Common Stock	04/03/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 46.7571	48,275	D	
Common Stock	04/03/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 46.7689	46,775	D	
Common Stock	04/03/2006		S(1)	1,500	D	\$ 46.8077	45,275	D	
Common Stock	04/03/2006		S(1)	1,500	D	\$ 46.866	43,775	D	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	4	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ction	Number	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	(of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	8) 1	Derivative	•		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	
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	_				((A) or						
]	Disposed						
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					4	4, and 5)						
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				G 1		(A) (B)				of		
				Code	V ((A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	-

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Executive VP - Acquisitions

Signatures

/s/ Craig A. 04/04/2006 Grube

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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 6,750 shares remaining to be sold under the plan.

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