

Petit Michael J
Form 4
January 18, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Petit Michael J

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)
140 CORPORATE BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/14/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
President -Bankruptcy Services

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
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/14/2012		A ⁽¹⁾	686 A \$ 0	30,511	D	
Common Stock	01/14/2012		F ⁽¹⁾	250 D \$ 0	30,261	D	
Common Stock	01/14/2012		F ⁽²⁾	240 D \$ 0	30,021	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 Own Follo Repor 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
Petit Michael J 140 CORPORATE BLVD NORFOLK, VA 23502	President -Bankruptcy Services

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.
Petit 01/18/2012

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 shares vested pursuant to the Company's 2010 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan in which the reporting person was granted both performance based and time vested restricted shares. The time vested shares vest ratably over a three year period beginning on the anniversary of the grant which was January 14, 2010. These shares represent the second annual vesting of the time vested shares granted. The performance shares earned, if any, will be reported at the end of the performance period.
- (2) The disposal of these shares are related to the vesting of an award originally granted pursuant to the Company's 2011 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan.

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