

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**WILLIAMS JOHN A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [APTS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/12/2016**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., 3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 150**

(Street)

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

**ATLANTA, GA 30327**

(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) |                       |   |                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |                       |   |                     |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 05/12/2016                           |  | P                              |   | 100   | A  | \$ 13.8                           | 6,300                 | D |                     |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 43,265 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | NELL Partners, Inc. |
|                                 | 05/12/2016                           |  | P                              |   | 1,000   | A  |                                   | 6,722                 | I | By spouse           |

|                                |            |  |   |     |    |          |       |  |   |       |  |   |
|--------------------------------|------------|--|---|-----|----|----------|-------|--|---|-------|--|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 |            |  |   |     | \$ |          |       |  |   | 13.76 |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 05/12/2016 |  | P | 200 | A  | \$ 13.8  | 6,922 |  | I |       |  | By spouse                               |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 05/12/2016 |  | P | 200 | A  | \$ 13.78 | 781   |  | I |       |  | By 2003 Children's Trust <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 |            |  |   |     |    |          | 50    |  | I |       |  | By son                                  |

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   |  |   |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| WILLIAMS JOHN A<br>PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC. | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

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ATLANTA, GA 30327

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey R. Sprain, as  
attorney-in-fact

05/13/2016

\_\_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).

John A. Williams, Leonard A. Silverstein and Daniel M. DuPree share joint voting and investment power over the shares held by NELL Partners, Inc. Mr. Williams disclaims any economic interest in such shares, 63% of which are owned indirectly by the Nancy Ann

- (1) Richardson Williams Children's Trust, formed on January 30, 1995, a trust created by Mr. Williams' spouse for the benefit of their children; 27% of which are owned indirectly by Northside Partners Trust, formed on November 2, 2009, a trust created by Mr. Silverstein's spouse for the benefit of their children; and 10% of which are owned indirectly by Daniel M. DuPree.

These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The

- (2) reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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