

ROBERTS DAVID N  
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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 \*  
ROBERTS DAVID N

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/10/2011

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

(Street)  
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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/10/2011		M	5,000 A	\$ 29.79 62,071 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	See footnotes (1)

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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 29.79	01/10/2011		M	1,000	01/16/2005 01/16/2011	Common stock	1,000
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 29.79	01/10/2011		M	1,000	01/16/2006 01/16/2011	Common stock	1,000
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 29.79	01/10/2011		M	1,000	01/16/2007 01/16/2011	Common stock	1,000
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 29.79	01/10/2011		M	1,000	01/16/2008 01/16/2011	Common stock	1,000
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 29.79	01/10/2011		M	1,000	01/16/2009 01/16/2011	Common stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBERTS DAVID N 120 CORPORATE BLVD SUITE 100 NORFOLK, VA 23502	X			

## Signatures

/s/ David N.  
Roberts

01/12/2011

Date

\_\_Signature of  
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).
- (1) Aggregate ownership by Reporting Person consists of (i) 15,164 of shares of stock owned directly and (ii) 46,907 shares of stock owned indirectly.

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