

WILLIAMS JOHN A  
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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)  
05/17/2012

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

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., 3625 CUMBERLAND BOULEVARD SUITE 400

(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 US 30339

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/17/2012		D(2)	41,400	\$ 8.04 (2)	5,500	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/17/2012		D(2)	16,597	\$ 8.04 (2)	0	I
						36,666 (1)	I

By Williams Fund Associates, LLC

Common  
Stock, par  
value \$0.01  
(1)

By Nell  
Partners,  
Inc.

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01

30,495 I

By Spouse

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 (Instr. 3 and 4)
				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

WILLIAMS JOHN A  
PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC.  
3625 CUMBERLAND BOULEVARD SUITE 400  
ATLANTA, GA US 30339

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President and CEO

## Signatures

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

05/21/2012

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).

John A. Williams and Leonard A. Silverstein share joint voting and investment power of these shares held by NELL Partners, Inc. John A. Williams disclaims any economic interest in such shares, 70% of which are owned indirectly by the Nancy Ann Richardson Williams

(1) Children's Trust, formed on January 30, 1995, a trust created by Mr. Williams' spouse for the benefit of their children, and 30% of which are owned indirectly by the Northside Partners Trust, formed on November 2, 2009, a trust created by Leonard A. Silverstein's spouse for the benefit of their children.

(2) Disposition reflects a transfer for tax and estate planning purposes. Price based on the closing price of the company's common stock on Wednesday May 16, 2012, the day before the transfer.

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