

WILLIAMS JOHN A

Form 4

December 31, 2012

FORM 4**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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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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2012

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	12/31/2012		C	41,217	A	46,717	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01					381	I	By 2003 Children's Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, par value \$0.01					31,258	I	By Spouse

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Common
Stock, par
value \$0.01
(2)

36,666 (2) I

By Nell
Partners,
Inc.

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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Class A Units <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	12/30/2012 <u>(3)(4)</u>		A		41,217		<u>(3)(4)</u>	<u>(3)(4)</u>	Common Stock	41,217
Class A Units	<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2012		C <u>(5)</u>		41,217		12/30/2012	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	41,217

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	X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey R. Sprain, as
attorney-in-fact 12/31/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 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 purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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 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.

- (3) Represents Class A Units ("Class A Unit") of Preferred Apartment Communities Operating Partnership, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), of which Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc. (the "Company") is the general partner. On December 30, 2011, the reporting person was awarded a maximum of 41,217 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2011, subject to certain performance conditions. When earned and vested, each Class B Unit is converted into a Class A Unit. Each Class A Unit may be exchanged for one share of the Company's common stock, or cash, as selected by the Company.

- (4) As of December 30, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company determined that the extent to which the performance measures had been achieved during the performance period resulted in 100%, or 41,217, of the Class B Units becoming earned Class B Units. The earned Class B Units fully vested on December 30, 2012 and were converted into Class A Units on that date.

- (5) The reporting person redeemed 41,217 Class A Units of the Operating Partnership, of which the issuer is the general partner. Each Class A Unit may be exchanged for one share of the Company's common stock, or cash, as selected by the issuer. The issuer elected to redeem the reporting person's Class A Units with common stock. Class A Units have no expiration date.

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