ASTA FUNDING INC Form 8-K October 05, 2009

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 29, 2009

ASTA FUNDING, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **0-26906** (Commission File Number) **22-3388607** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

210 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)07632
(Zip Code)Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 201-567-5648

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Asta Funding, Inc. (the "Company"), a consumer receivable asset management and liquidation firm, today announced that Cameron Williams, Chief Operating Officer for the past two years, will leave the Company following a transition period.

"Given the broader market environment and the emerging opportunities in consumer receivables management, the needs of our company are evolving," said Gary Stern, Chief Executive Officer. "Bill has been a valued member of our executive team. We are grateful for his contributions and wish him well."

Mr. Williams' contract expires December 31, 2009.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ASTA FUNDING, INC.

Date: October 5, 2009

By: <u>/s/ Robert J. Michel</u> Robert J. Michel Chief Financial Officer

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