

WILLIAMS JOHN A  
Form 4  
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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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2012

(Street)  
ATLANTA, GA US 30339

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	11/30/2012		P		763	A	\$ 7.97 (1)	31,258	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	11/30/2012		P		381	A	\$ 7.96	381	I	By 2003 Children's Trust (2)
Common Stock								5,500	D	

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 (3) 36,666 <sup>(3)</sup> 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title 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	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey R. Sprain, as attorney-in-fact 11/30/2012  
 \_\_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).
- (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$7.97 to \$7.98, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc., any security holder of

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Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

- 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 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

- (3) 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.

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