

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
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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)  
 01/03/2017

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

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC., 3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 150

(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 30327

(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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01				(A) or (D)	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01				(A) or (D)	6,200	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01				(A) or (D)	43,265 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By NELL Partners, Inc.
Common Stock, par value \$0.01				(A) or (D)	5,722	I	By Spouse

Common Stock, par value \$0.01	581	I	By 2003 Children's Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	50	I	By son

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Units <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(4)</sub>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	01/03/2017 <sup>(3)(4)</sup>		A	V	<u>(3)(4)</u>	<u>(3)(4)</u>	Common Stock	67,437
Class A Units <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(4)</sub>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	01/03/2017		S <sup>(5)</sup>		<u>(3)(4)(5)</u>	<u>(3)(4)(5)</u>	Common Stock	67,437

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS JOHN A PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC. 3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 150 ATLANTA, GA 30327	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

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

01/05/2017

          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, Leonard A. Silverstein and Daniel M. DuPree share joint voting and investment power over the shares held by NELL Partners, Inc. Mr. Williams disclaims any economic interest in such shares, 59% of which are owned indirectly by the Nancy Ann

- (1) Richardson Williams Children's Trust, formed on January 30, 1995, a trust created by Mr. Williams' spouse for the benefit of their children; 26% of which are owned indirectly by Northside Partners Trust, formed on November 2, 2009, a trust created by Mr. Silverstein's spouse for the benefit of their children; and 15% of which are owned indirectly by Daniel M. DuPree.

- (2) 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 the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (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 January 4, 2016, the reporting person was awarded a maximum of 67,437 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2016, 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. Class A Units do not expire.

- (4) As of January 3, 2017, 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 67,437 of the Class B Units becoming earned Class B Units. All of the earned Class B Units fully vested on January 3, 2017 and were converted into Class A Units on that date.

- (5) Disposition reflects a transfer for tax and estate planning purposes. Price was paid with a reduction in outstanding debt owned to the purchaser by the reporting person. Price based on the closing price of the company's common stock on December 30, 2016, the last trading date before the transfer.

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