

NATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTORS III
 Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 APARTMENT INVESTMENT & MANAGEMENT CO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80237

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTORS III [NONE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/12/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
 ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 X Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount or Price | | |
| Limited Partnership Units | 07/12/2006 | | P | 28 (1) A | \$ 178.35 | 37,400 (2) I | See Footnote Below (3) |

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)

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| 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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

APARTMENT INVESTMENT & MANAGEMENT CO
 4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET PARKWAY
 SUITE 1100
 DENVER, CO 80237

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Signatures

/s/ Derek McCandless, Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Apartment Investment and Management Company

07/13/2006

__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) These Limited Partnership Units ("Units") were directly purchased by AIMCO Properties, L.P. ("AIMCO Properties").
- (2) Consists of 15,834 Units held by AIMCO Properties; and 21,566.00 Units held by AIMCO IPLP, L.P. ("IPLP").
- (3) AIMCO Properties is a joint filer with AIMCO-GP, Inc. ("AIMCO-GP") and Apartment Investment and Management Company ("AIMCO") for purposes of Section 13(d) reporting of the Exchange Act. AIMCO-GP is the sole general partner of AIMCO Properties and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AIMCO. IPLP is a joint filer with AIMCO/IPT, Inc. ("AIMCO/IPT") and AIMCO for purposes of Section 13(d) reporting of the Exchange Act. AIMCO/IPT is the sole general partner of IPLP and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AIMCO.

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