BOLTON H ERIC JR

Form 4

February 24, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BOLTON H ERIC JR**

6584 POPLAR AVENUE, SUITE

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

02/24/2006

President and Chief Executive

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MEMPHIS, TN 38138-

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | -Derivative | Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | lly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------|------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | | 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 | 02/24/2006 | | M | 7,634 | A | \$ 22.14 | 30,357 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2006 | | M | 4,516 | A | \$ 22.14 | 34,873 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2006 | | M | 18,000 | A | \$ 25.52 | 52,873 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/24/2006 | | D(1) | 25,634 | D | \$ 54.8759 | 27,239 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,925.9206 | I | Allocated shares in |

ESOP Trust

Common Stock 7,639.0207 I JTWROS

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or 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 Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 22.14 | 02/24/2006 | | M | | 7,634 | 02/20/2006 | 02/20/2012 | Common Stock | 7,634 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 22.14 | 02/24/2006 | | M | | 4,516 | 02/20/2006 | 02/20/2012 | Common Stock | 4,516 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 25.52 | 02/24/2006 | | M | | 18,000 | 02/19/2006 | 02/19/2012 | Common Stock | 18,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| BOLTON H ERIC JR 6584 POPLAR AVENUE SUITE 300 MEMPHIS, TN 38138- | X | | President and Chief Executive | | | | |

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Signatures

Leslie Bratten Cantrell Wolfgang

02/24/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Sale is related to the exercise of options reported on same Form 4 filing. Proceeds are being used to exercise additional options and to pay down debt related to a prior purchase of company stock through the company's 1994 Restricted Stock and Stock Option Plan.

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