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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC 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) April 16, 2018

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**CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

CALIFORNIA  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

- 1-11416 -  
(Commission  
File Number)

33-0459135  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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3800 Howard Hughes Pkwy, Suite 1400, Las Vegas, NV 89169  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (949) 753-6800

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Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

The information contained in Item 2.03 of this report is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01. The registrant disclaims any implication that the agreements relating to the transactions described in this report are other than agreements entered into in the ordinary course of its business.

On April 16, 2018, the registrant Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. ("CPS") and its wholly owned subsidiary CPS Receivables Five LLC ("Subsidiary") entered into a series of agreements under which Subsidiary purchased from CPS, and sold to CPS Auto Receivables Trust 2018-B (the "Trust"), approximately \$134.9 million of subprime automotive receivables (the "Initial Receivables"). Subsidiary also committed to purchase and to sell to the Trust, and CPS committed to sell to Subsidiary, an additional \$70.1 million of similar automotive receivables (the "Subsequent Receivables" and together with the Initial Receivables, the "Receivables").

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 18, 2018, the registrant announced its earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. A copy of the announcement is attached as an exhibit to this report.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

CPS, Subsidiary, the Trust and others on April 16, 2018, entered into a series of agreements that, among other things, created long-term obligations that are material to CPS, Subsidiary and the Trust. Under these agreements (i) CPS sold the Initial Receivables to Subsidiary, and committed to sell the Subsequent Receivables to Subsidiary not later than June 2, 2018, (ii) Subsidiary sold the Initial Receivables to the Trust, and committed to sell the Subsequent Receivables to the Trust, (iii) the Trust deposited the Initial Receivables, and committed to deposit the Subsequent Receivables, with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo"), as trustee of a grantor trust, receiving in return a certificate of beneficial interest ("CBI") representing beneficial ownership of the Receivables, (iv) the Trust pledged the CBI to Wells Fargo as indenture trustee for benefit of the holders of the Notes (as defined below), (v) the Trust issued and sold \$201.8 million of asset-backed Notes, in five classes (such Notes collectively, the "Notes"), (vi) a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes was pledged to Wells Fargo as trustee for benefit of the holders of the Notes, to be used to fund the purchase price of the Subsequent Receivables, and (vii) a cash deposit (the "Reserve Account") in the amount of 1.00% of the aggregate balance of the Initial Receivables was pledged for the benefit of the holders of the Notes.

Security for the repayment of the Notes consists of the Initial Receivables and, when and if sold, the Subsequent Receivables, and the rights to payments relating to the Receivables. The Receivables were purchased by CPS from automobile dealers, and CPS will act as the servicer of the Receivables. Credit enhancement for the Notes consists of over-collateralization and the Reserve Account. Wells Fargo will act as collateral agent and trustee on behalf of the secured parties, and is the backup servicer.

The Notes are obligations only of the Trust, and not of Subsidiary nor of CPS. Nevertheless, the Notes are properly treated as long-term debt obligations of CPS. The sale and issuance of the Notes, treated as secured financings for accounting and tax purposes, are treated as sales for all other purposes, including legal and bankruptcy purposes. None of the assets of the Trust or Subsidiary are available to pay other creditors of CPS or its affiliates.

Upon completion of the anticipated May or June 2018 sale of the Subsequent Receivables to the Trust, the Trust will hold a fixed pool of amortizing assets. The Trust is obligated to pay principal and interest on the Notes on a monthly basis. Interest is payable at fixed rates on the outstanding principal balance of each of the five classes of the Notes, and principal is payable by reference to the aggregate principal balance of the Receivables (adjusted for chargeoffs and prepayments, among other things) and agreed required over-collateralization. The following table sets forth the interest rates and initial principal amounts of the five classes of Notes:

<b>Note Class</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Class A	2.72%	\$93,685,000
Class B	3.23%	\$33,005,000
Class C	3.58%	\$28,085,000
Class D	4.26%	\$24,703,000
Class E	5.61%	\$22,345,000

The 2018-B transaction has initial credit enhancement consisting of a cash deposit equal to 1.00% of the original receivable pool balance and over-collateralization of 1.55%. The final enhancement level requires accelerated payment of principal on the Notes to reach overcollateralization of the lesser of 5.50% of the original receivable pool balance (Initial Receivables and Subsequent Receivables, taken together), or 18.50% of the then outstanding pool balance, but in no event less than 2.50% of the original receivable pool balance.

If an event of default were to occur under the agreements, the Trustee would have the right to accelerate the maturity of the Notes, in which event the cash proceeds of the Receivables that otherwise would be released to Subsidiary would instead be directed entirely toward repayment of the Notes. Events of default include such events as failure to make required payments on the Notes, breaches of warranties, representations or covenants under any of the agreements or specified bankruptcy-related events. In addition, if the Receivables (pledged as security for the Notes) were to experience net loss ratios that are higher than specified levels, the existence of such a "trigger event" would also require that the cash proceeds of the Receivables that otherwise would be released to Subsidiary would instead be directed to payment of principal on the Notes, until specified increased levels of overcollateralization were achieved.

At such time as the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Receivables is less than 10% of the intended initial aggregate balance of \$205.0 million, CPS will have the option to purchase the Trust estate at fair market value, provided that such purchase price is sufficient to cause the Notes to be redeemed and paid in full, and to cause other obligations of the Trust to be met.

#### **Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

##### **(d) exhibits.**

Two exhibits are included with this report:

- 99.1 [News release re April 16, 2018, transaction.](#)
- 99.2 [News release re earnings.](#)

#### **SIGNATURES**

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

#### **CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.**

Dated: April 20, 2018

By: /s/ JEFFREY P. FRITZ  
Jeffrey P. Fritz  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Signing on behalf of the registrant



## NEWS RELEASE

### CPS Announces \$201.8 Million Senior Subordinate Asset-Backed Securitization

**LAS VEGAS, Nevada, April 16, 2018 (GlobeNewswire)** – Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. (Nasdaq: CPSS) (“CPS” or the “Company”) today announced the closing of its second term securitization in 2018. The transaction is CPS’s 28th senior subordinate securitization since the beginning of 2011 and the eleventh consecutive securitization to receive a triple “A” rating on the senior class of notes from at least two rating agencies.

In the transaction, qualified institutional buyers purchased \$201.8 million of asset-backed notes secured by \$205.0 million in automobile receivables originated by CPS. The sold notes, issued by CPS Auto Receivables Trust 2018-B, consist of five classes. Ratings of the notes were provided by Standard & Poor’s and Kroll Bond Rating Agency, and were based on the structure of the transaction, the historical performance of similar receivables and CPS’s experience as a servicer.

<u>Note Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Average Life</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>S&amp;P Rating</u>	<u>KBRA Rating</u>
A	\$93.7 million	2.72%	.79 years	99.99577%	AAA	AAA
B	\$33.0 million	3.23%	1.99 years	99.99587%	AA	AA
C	\$28.1 million	3.58%	2.66 years	99.98204%	A	A
D	\$24.7 million	4.26%	3.44 years	99.49656%	BBB	BBB
E	\$22.3 million	5.61%	4.12 years	99.43146%	BB-	BB-

The weighted average coupon on the notes is approximately 3.98%.

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The transaction utilizes a pre-funding structure, in which CPS sold approximately \$134.9 million of receivables today and plans to sell approximately \$70.1 million of additional receivables during May 2018. This further sale is intended to provide CPS with long-term financing for receivables purchased primarily in the month of April.

The transaction was a private offering of securities, not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, or any state securities law. All of such securities having been sold, this announcement of their sale appears as a matter of record only.

#### ***About Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc.***

Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. is an independent specialty finance company that provides indirect automobile financing to individuals with past credit problems, low incomes or limited credit histories. We purchase retail installment sales contracts primarily from franchised automobile dealerships secured by late model used vehicles and, to a lesser extent, new vehicles. We fund these contract purchases on a long-term basis through the securitization markets and service the loans over their entire contract terms.

#### ***Investor Relations Contact***

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## NEWS RELEASE

### CPS Announces First Quarter 2018 Earnings

- Pretax income of \$4.6 million
- Net income of \$3.1 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share
- New contract purchases of \$211 million

**LAS VEGAS, Nevada, April 18, 2018 (GlobeNewswire)** – -- Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. (Nasdaq:CPSS) (“CPS” or the “Company”) today announced earnings of \$3.1 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, for its first quarter ended March 31, 2018. This compares to net income of \$4.5 million, or \$0.16 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2017.

Revenues for the first quarter of 2018 were \$103.6 million, a decrease of \$4.0 million, or 3.8%, compared to \$107.6 million for the first quarter of 2017. Total operating expenses for the first quarter of 2018 were \$99.0 million compared to \$99.8 million for the 2017 period. Pretax income for the first quarter of 2018 was \$4.6 million compared to pretax income of \$7.8 million in the first quarter of 2017, a decrease of 41.5%.

During the first quarter of 2018, CPS purchased \$210.6 million of new contracts compared to \$190.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2017 and \$229.6 million during the first quarter of 2017. The Company's receivables totaled \$2.332 billion as of March 31, 2018, a decrease from \$2.334 billion as of December 31, 2017 and an increase from \$2.323 billion as of March 31, 2017.

Annualized net charge-offs for the first quarter of 2018 were 8.16% of the average portfolio as compared to 7.91% for the first quarter of 2017. Delinquencies greater than 30 days (including repossession inventory) were 8.74% of the total portfolio as of March 31, 2018, as compared to 9.74% as of March 31, 2017.

“We are pleased to get 2018 off to a good start,” said Charles E. Bradley, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “We’ve maintained a disciplined approach to pricing and credit in the face of a robust competitive environment, our asset-backed securities continue to be well received in the capital markets and we recorded our 26th consecutive quarter of positive pre-tax earnings.”

#### Conference Call

CPS announced that it will hold a conference call on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. ET to discuss its quarterly operating results. Those wishing to participate by telephone may dial-in at 877 312-5502 or 253 237-1131 approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time. The conference identification number is 6382649.

A replay of the conference call will be available between April 19, 2018 and April 26, 2018, beginning two hours after conclusion of the call, by dialing 855 859-2056 or 404 537-3406 for international participants, with conference identification number 6382649. A broadcast of the conference call will also be available live and for 90 days after the call via the Company’s web site at [www.consumerportfolio.com](http://www.consumerportfolio.com).

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*Forward-looking statements in this news release include the Company's recorded revenue, expense and provision for credit losses, because these items are dependent on the Company's estimates of incurred losses. The accuracy of such estimates may be adversely affected by various factors, which include (in addition to risks relating to the economy generally) the following: possible increased delinquencies; repossessions and losses on retail installment contracts; incorrect prepayment speed and/or discount rate assumptions; possible unavailability of qualified personnel, which could adversely affect the Company's ability to service its portfolio; possible increases in the rate of consumer bankruptcy filings, which could adversely affect the Company's rights to collect payments from its portfolio; other changes in government regulations affecting consumer credit; possible declines in the market price for used vehicles, which could adversely affect the Company's realization upon repossessed vehicles; and economic conditions in geographic areas in which the Company's business is concentrated. All of such factors also may affect the Company's future financial results, as to which there can be no assurance. Any implication that the results of the most recently completed quarter are indicative of future results is disclaimed, and the reader should draw no such inference. Factors such as those identified above in relation to the provision for credit losses may affect future performance.*

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**Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Interest income	\$ 100,906	\$ 104,575
Other income	2,657	3,023
	<u>103,563</u>	<u>107,598</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Employee costs	20,641	17,780
General and administrative	7,495	6,922
Interest	24,062	22,088
Provision for credit losses	40,507	47,167
Other expenses	6,301	5,849
	<u>99,006</u>	<u>99,806</u>
Income before income taxes	4,557	7,792
Income tax expense	1,412	3,312
Net income	<u>\$ 3,145</u>	<u>\$ 4,480</u>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.16
<b>Number of shares used in computing earnings per share:</b>		
Basic	21,576	23,517
Diluted	25,664	28,223

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
**(In thousands)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,573	\$ 12,731
Restricted cash and equivalents	130,798	111,965
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>142,371</u>	<u>124,696</u>
Finance receivables	2,091,875	2,304,984
Allowance for finance credit losses	(100,844)	(109,187)
Finance receivables, net	<u>1,991,031</u>	<u>2,195,797</u>
Finance receivables measured at fair value	209,847	-
Deferred tax assets, net	32,302	32,446
Other assets	63,426	71,902
	<u>\$ 2,438,977</u>	<u>\$ 2,424,841</u>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 33,569	\$ 28,715
Warehouse lines of credit	121,666	112,408
Securitization trust debt	2,080,070	2,083,215
Subordinated renewable notes	<u>16,348</u>	<u>16,566</u>
	<u>2,251,653</u>	<u>2,240,904</u>
Shareholders' equity	<u>187,324</u>	<u>183,937</u>
	<u>\$ 2,438,977</u>	<u>\$ 2,424,841</u>



Operating and Performance Data (\$ in millions)

	At and for the Three months ended March 31,		
	2018	2017	
Contracts purchased	\$ 210.59	\$ 229.64	
Contracts securitized	193.60	210.00	
Total portfolio balance	\$ 2,332.32	\$ 2,323.22	
Average portfolio balance	2,331.59	2,311.81	
Allowance for finance credit losses as % of fin. receivables	4.82%	4.34%	
Aggregate allowance as % of fin. receivables (1)	5.95%	5.43%	
Delinquencies			
	31+ Days	7.14%	8.12%
	Repossession Inventory	1.60%	1.62%
	Total Delinquencies and Repo. Inventory	8.74%	9.74%
Annualized net charge-offs as % of average portfolio	8.16%	7.91%	
Recovery rates (2)	33.8%	35.2%	

	For the Three months ended March 31,			
	2018		2017	
	\$ (3)	% (4)	\$ (3)	% (4)
Interest income	\$ 100.91	17.3%	\$ 104.58	18.1%
Servicing fees and other income	2.66	0.5%	3.02	0.5%
Interest expense	(24.06)	-4.1%	(22.09)	-3.8%
Net interest margin	79.50	13.6%	85.51	14.8%
Provision for credit losses	(40.51)	-6.9%	(47.17)	-8.2%
Risk adjusted margin	38.99	6.7%	38.34	6.6%
Core operating expenses	(34.44)	-5.9%	(30.55)	-5.3%
Pre-tax income	\$ 4.56	0.8%	\$ 7.79	1.3%

(1) Includes allowance for finance credit losses and allowance for repossession inventory.

(2) Wholesale auction liquidation amounts (net of expenses) as a percentage of the account balance at the time of sale.

(3) Numbers may not add due to rounding.

(4) Annualized percentage of the average portfolio balance. Percentages may not add due to rounding.