

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) September 30, 2004

CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

CALIFORNIA ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-14116 ----- (Commission File Number)	33-0459135 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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16355 Laguna Canyon Road, Irvine, CA 92618

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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.

On September 30, 2004, Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. ("CPS") and its wholly owned subsidiary CPS Receivables Corp. ("Subsidiary") entered into a series of agreements under which Subsidiary purchased from CPS, and sold to CPS Auto Receivables Trust 2004-C, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust") approximately \$69.2 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 Receivables, an additional \$30.8 million of similar automotive receivables (the "Subsequent Receivables").

CPS disclaims any implication that the agreements relating to such transactions are other than agreements entered into in the ordinary course of CPS's business.

ITEM 2.03. CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.

The information contained in CPS's press release dated October 5, 2004, filed with this report as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated herein by this reference.

CPS, Subsidiary, the Trust and others on September 30, 2004 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 October 31, 2004, (ii) Subsidiary sold the Initial Receivables to the Trust, and committed to sell the Subsequent Receivables to the Trust, (iii) the Trust pledged the Initial Receivables, and committed to pledge the Subsequent Receivables, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells"), as indenture trustee for benefit of the holders of the Notes (as defined below), and for benefit of the Insurer (as defined below), (iv) the Trust issued and sold \$91.0 million of asset-backed notes, in two classes (such notes collectively, the "Notes"), (v) a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes was pledged to the Trustee for benefit of the holders of the Notes, to be used to fund the purchase price of the Subsequent Receivables, (vi) an insurance company, Financial Security Assurance Inc. (the "Insurer"), issued a policy (the "Policy") guaranteeing payment of principal and interest on the Notes, and (vii) a cash deposit (the "Reserve Account") in the amount of 9.00% of the aggregate balance of the Initial Receivables was pledged for the benefit of the Insurer.

Security for the repayment of the Notes consists of the Initial Receivables and, when and if sold, the Subsequent Receivables (together, the "Receivables"), and the rights to payments relating to the Receivables. The Receivables were originated or purchased by CPS and CPS will act as the servicer of the Receivables. Credit enhancement for the Notes consists of over-collateralization, the Reserve Account, and the Policy, which guarantees the obligations of the Trust to pay interest on, and repay the principal balance of, the Notes. Wells 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 October 2004 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 two 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.

At such time as the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Receivables is less than 10% of the initial aggregate balance of \$100 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.

If an event of default were to occur under the agreements, the Insurer would have the right to accelerate the maturity of the Notes, and the required amount of the Reserve Account would increase to an amount equal to the outstanding aggregate principal balance of the Notes. Such increase would have the effect of redirecting to the Reserve Account the cash proceeds of the Receivables that otherwise would be released to Subsidiary, until such time, if any, as the Reserve Account reached the increased required level. Events of default include pool performance ratios, in addition to 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, delinquency ratios, or default rates that are higher than specified levels, the existence of such a "trigger event" would also increase the Reserve Account requirements, though to a lesser extent, which would also have the effect of redirecting to the Reserve Account certain cash proceeds of the Receivables that otherwise would be released to Subsidiary.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Neither financial statements nor pro forma financial information are filed with this report.

One exhibit is filed herewith:

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. October 5, 2004 press release.

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: October 5, 2004

By: /S/ CHARLES E. BRADLEY

Charles E. Bradley, Jr.
President and chief
executive officer
Signing on behalf of the registrant
and as principal executive officer

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99.1	Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. October 5, 2004 press release.

Consumer Portfolio Services Inc. Announces \$100.0 Million Securitization

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 5, 2004--Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. (Nasdaq: CPSS - News) announced that it closed a term securitization transaction on September 30, 2004, issuing \$91.0 million of Notes backed by automotive receivables.

In the transaction, qualified institutional buyers purchased \$91,000,000 of Notes backed by automotive receivables originated by Consumer Portfolio Services. The Notes, issued by CPS Auto Receivables Trust 2004-C, consist of two classes. The ratings of the Notes were provided by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Services and were based on the structure of the transaction, CPS's experience as a servicer and a financial guaranty insurance policy issued by Financial Security Assurance Inc.

Note Class	Amount	Interest Rate	Average Life	Price	Standard & Poor's Rating	Moody's Rating
A-1	\$58.727 million	2.66%	1.00 years	100.00	AAA	Aaa
A-2	\$32.273 million	3.64%	3.07 years	100.00	AAA	Aaa

The weighted average effective coupon on the Class A-1 and A-2 Notes is approximately 3.3%.

The 2004-C transaction has initial credit enhancement of a cash deposit in the amount of 9.00% of the original receivable pool balance and a subordinated interest. That enhancement level is to be supplemented by accelerated payment of principal on the Notes to reach a combined level of 22.25% of the then-outstanding receivable pool balance.

The transaction utilized a pre-funding structure, in which CPS sold approximately \$69.2 million of receivables on the 30th, and plans to sell approximately \$30.8 million of additional receivables during October. This further sale is intended to provide CPS with financing for receivables originated primarily in the month of September.

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 purchases, sells and services retail installment sales contracts originated predominantly by franchised dealers for new and late model used cars. The company finances automobile purchases through dealers under contract across the United States.

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