

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.

Form 4

February 15, 2017

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WHITEHURST JULIAN E**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**NATIONAL RETAIL  
PROPERTIES, INC. [NNN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**450 S. ORANGE AVENUE, SUITE  
900**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/13/2017**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President and COO**

(Street)  
**ORLANDO, FL 32801**

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

(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 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	02/13/2017	02/13/2017	A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) 14,954 Price \$ 44.54	276,766	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2017	02/13/2017	A	(2) 29,909 \$ 44.54	306,675	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2017	02/13/2017	D	(3) 2,328 \$ 0	304,347	D	

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WHITEHURST JULIAN E 450 S. ORANGE AVENUE SUITE 900 ORLANDO, FL 32801	President and COO

## Signatures

/s/ Julian E.  
Whitehurst 02/15/2017

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).

- (1) The shares will vest 25% annually beginning in 2018 through 2021. The Reporting Person has voting and dividend rights on all of these shares, including unvested shares.
- (2) Shares will vest on January 1, 2020 based upon achieving certain total shareholder returns. The Reporting Person has no dividend or voting rights on these shares until the shares have vested.
- (3) Restricted shares forfeited as a result of certain conditions not begin met.

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