

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Priest Jeffrey W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC., 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/13/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10017

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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
5.95% Preferred Stock	12/13/2016		P		1,100	A	\$ 26.1365	8,400	I	By Nonprofit Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
5.95% Preferred Stock	12/13/2016		P		2,900	A	\$ 25.6608	11,300	I	By Nonprofit Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
5.95% Preferred Stock								2,739	I	By Parent <sup>(2)</sup>

5.95% Preferred Stock	16,121	I	By Power of Attorney <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	62,585	D	
Common Stock	10,899	I	By Thrift Plan Trust <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	18,883	I	By Parent <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	48,905	I	By Power of Attorney <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	8,170	I	By Nonprofit Trust <u>(2)</u>

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follow Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Priest Jeffrey W  
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.  
100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10017

President & CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey W.  
Priest

12/14/2016

\_\_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) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
  - (2) Mr. Priest has voting and dispositive power but disclaims any beneficial interest.

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