

ASTA FUNDING INC

Form 4

October 20, 2006

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FEDER JUDITH R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ASTA FUNDING, INC., 210  
SYLVAN AVENUE**

(Street)

**ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ASTA FUNDING INC [ASFI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**10/18/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	10/18/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000 D \$ 34.81	1,106,000	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By GMS Family Investors LLC
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	10/20/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	8,000 D \$ 34.526	1,098,000	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By GMS Family Investors LLC
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share					11,000	D	

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Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	692,000	I <sup>(3)</sup>	By Stern Family Investors LLC
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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 Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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
FEDER JUDITH R C/O ASTA FUNDING, INC. 210 SYLVAN AVENUE ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632	X

## Signatures

/s/ Erik W. Johnson, Esq., Attorney-In-Fact	10/20/2006
<u>                    </u> 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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by GMS Family Investors LLC.

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- (2) Ms. Feder has sole voting and investment power of this limited liability company. Gary Stern, President and Chief Executive Officer of Asta Funding, Inc. and a cousin of Ms. Feder, has a 79.46% beneficial interest in the limited liability company, trusts for the benefit of the children of Gary Stern, of which Ms. Feder is the trustee, have a combined 20.43% beneficial interest (10.215% each), and Arthur Stern, Chairman of the Board of Asta Funding, Inc., and an uncle of Ms. Feder, has a .11% beneficial interest in the limited liability company.

- (3) Ms. Feder has sole voting and investment power of this limited liability company. Arthur Stern, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Asta Funding, Inc. and an uncle of Ms. Feder, has a 49.5% beneficial interest in the limited liability company, his wife, Alice Stern, has a 1% beneficial interest, and a trust for the benefit of the descendants of Arthur Stern, of which Ms. Feder is trustee, has a 49.5% beneficial interest in the limited liability company.

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