

Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC

Form 4

December 28, 2006

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 *
STONE BRADFORD S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

392 SPRINGFIELD AVE
MEZZANINE SUITE

(Street)

SUMMIT, NJ 07901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED
INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND
INC [PFO]

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

12/26/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President

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 (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)
Common Stock	12/26/2006		J ⁽¹⁾	8,603 A	\$ 12.3	8,603 ⁽²⁾ I	Please see footnote 1

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)**

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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 Repor 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

STONE BRADFORD S
392 SPRINGFIELD AVE MEZZANINE SUITE
SUMMIT, NJ 07901

Vice President

Signatures

Bradford S.
Stone 12/27/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Mr. Stone is a 10% shareholder of Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated, the direct beneficial owner of these shares. On December 26, 2006, the Board of Directors of Flaherty & Crumrine determined that Mr. Stone, as a director, would share investment control of these shares with the other directors of the corporation. Consequently, Mr. Stone is now reporting his pecuniary interest in these shares because he is no longer entitled to rely on Rule 16a-1(2)(iii) under the Exchange Act.

(2) Mr. Stone directly holds an additional 4,000 shares of the Fund.

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