Brookdale Senior Living Inc.

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Brookdale Senior Living Inc. [BKD] KAUFFMAN ROBERT I (Month/Day/Year) 11/12/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT (Check all applicable) GROUP LLC, Â 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 46TH __X__ 10% Owner Director **FLOOR** Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting NEW YORK, NYÂ 10105 Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 2,738,453 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities Underlying Derivative Security
3. Title and Amount of Exercise Conversion Ownership Ownership or Exercise Form of Conversion (Instr. 5)

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Security Direct (D) Exercisable Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KAUFFMAN ROBERT I

C/O FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC
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NEW YORK, NYÂ 10105

Signatures

/s/ Robert I.
Kauffman

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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