

VENTAS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**RINEY T RICHARD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,  
SUITE 300**  
  
(Street)

**LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VENTAS INC [VTR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2007**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Exec.VP, Chief Admin.Off., GC**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/15/2007		M		15,350	A	\$ 25.19
Common Stock	05/15/2007		S(1)(2)		300	D	\$ 42.17
Common Stock	05/15/2007		S(1)(2)		1,400	D	\$ 42.2
Common Stock	05/15/2007		S(1)(2)		1,100	D	\$ 42.21
Common Stock	05/15/2007		S(1)(2)		300	D	\$ 42.22
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Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 42.23	305,968	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	900	D	\$ 42.24	305,068	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 42.25	304,068	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	3,550	D	\$ 42.26	300,518	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 42.27	299,918	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,400	D	\$ 42.28	298,518	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 42.29	297,918	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	800	D	\$ 42.3	297,118	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,300	D	\$ 42.31	295,818	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,100	D	\$ 42.32	294,718	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2007	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 42.38	294,318	D	
Common Stock						1,300	I	By IRA

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				Code	V (A) (D)			

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.19	05/15/2007	M	15,350	01/18/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/18/2015	Common Stock	15,350
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RINEY T RICHARD 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223			Exec.VP, Chief Admin.Off., GC	

## Signatures

T. Richard  
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05/17/2007

\_\_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) On May 15, 2007, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (2) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 3, 2006.
- (3) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 46,050 on January 18, 2005 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 18, 2005, January 18, 2006 and January 18, 2007.
- (4) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of May 15, 2007.

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