

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)  
02/15/2006

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.V.P., General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/15/2006		M		3,000	A	\$ 19.0836
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		1,100	D	\$ 30.15
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		200	D	\$ 30.24
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		173	D	\$ 30.26
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		300	D	\$ 30.3

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Common Stock	02/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 30.31	292,261	D
Common Stock	02/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	227	D	\$ 30.32	292,034	D
Common Stock	02/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 30.4	291,734	D
Common Stock	02/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	500	D	\$ 30.42	291,234	D
Common Stock	02/15/2006	M	2,000	A	\$ 15.6978	293,234	D
Common Stock	02/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 30.15	291,234 <sup>(3)</sup>	D

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.0836	02/15/2006		M	3,000	04/11/1997 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/11/2006	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.6978	02/15/2006		M	2,000	07/22/1997 <sup>(5)</sup>	07/22/2006	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

