VENTAS INC Form 4 April 22, 2005

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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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RINEY T RICHARD

(First) (Middle)

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,

SUITE 300

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exec.V.P., General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	04/20/2005		M	10,000	A	\$ 11.86	293,449	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2005		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 25.62	293,349	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2005		S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 25.64	292,749	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2005		S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 25.66	292,149	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2005		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 25.69	292,049	D	

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Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 25.7	291,949	D
Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 25.71	291,549	D
Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 25.72	291,449	D
Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 25.73	290,249	D
Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 25.74	289,249	D
Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	4,000	D	\$ 25.75	285,249	D
Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 25.76	284,649	D
Common Stock	04/20/2005	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 25.79	283,449 (3)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 11.86	04/20/2005		M	10,000	01/02/2002(4)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Buy)

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RINEY T RICHARD 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223 Exec.V.P., General Counsel

Signatures

T. Richard 04/22/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- On February 16, 2005, 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 22, 2004.
- (3) Reporting Person also owns 1,300 shares indirectly by IRA
- These options were part of a previously reported grant of 82,237 shares on January 2, 2002 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 2, 2002, January 2, 2003 and January 2, 2004.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by Mr. Riney as of April 20, 2005.

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