VENTAS INC Form 4 September 14, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAFARO DEBRA A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

09/12/2005

X Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

Chairman, President and CEO

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, **SUITE 300**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

below)

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	erivative So	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M	65,000	A	\$ 6.75	581,041	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S(1)(2)	4,800	D	\$ 31.3	576,241	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 31.31	575,941	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 31.33	574,341	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S(1)(2)	13,800	D	\$ 31.35	560,541	D	

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Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 31.36	560,341	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 31.37	559,941	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 31.38	559,241	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 31.39	558,641	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	11,200	D	\$ 31.4	547,441	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 31.41	546,341	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 31.44	544,541	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	3,800	D	\$ 31.45	540,741	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 31.46	540,341	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 31.47	539,941	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	2,000	D	\$ 31.48	537,941	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 31.49	536,941	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 31.5	535,241	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	5,900	D	\$ 31.51	529,341	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	4,500	D	\$ 31.52	524,841	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 31.53	524,041	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 31.54	522,741	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 31.55	522,041	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 31.56	520,741	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 31.57	519,641	D
	09/12/2005	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	1,200	D		518,441	D

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Common Stock					\$ 31.58	
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 31.6 517,641	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 31.61 517,541	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 31.62 517,041	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 31.64 516,041	D

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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Derivative Security				or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.75	09/12/2005		M	65,000	01/22/2001(3)	01/22/2011	Common Stock	65,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CAFARO DEBRA A			Chairman,				
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300	X		President and				
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223			CEO				

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Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

09/14/2005

**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 August 10, 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 July 6, 2005.
- (3) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 296,297 on January 22, 2001 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 22, 2001, January 22, 2002 and January 22, 2003.
- (4) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by Ms. Cafaro as of September 12, 2005.

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