

VENTAS INC  
Form 4  
May 20, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)  
**05/18/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ 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

**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)
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M	10,000	A \$ 11.86	293,449	D
Common Stock	05/18/2005		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	10,000	D \$ 27.08	283,449 <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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.86	05/18/2005		M	10,000	01/02/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/02/2012	Common Stock	10,000

## 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.V.P., General Counsel

## Signatures

T. Richard  
Riney 05/20/2005

\*\*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 May 18, 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.
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 82,237 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 May 18, 2005.

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