CAFARO DEBRA A

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approach)
10350 ORMSI SUITE 300	BY PARK F	PLACE,	(Month/Day/Year) 11/10/2005	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
LOUISVILLE	,, KY 40223	3	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	rivative S	ecuriti	es 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 n (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/10/2005		M	64,658	A	\$ 6.75	580,699	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 30.78	580,399	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 30.79	578,699	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 30.8	577,599	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2005		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 30.81	577,299	D	

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Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	4,100	D	\$ 30.82	573,199	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 30.83	571,499	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 30.84	571,399	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 30.85	571,299	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	3,400	D	\$ 30.86	567,899	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 30.87	567,199	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 30.88	567,099	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 30.9	566,799	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 30.91	566,599	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 30.95	565,699	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 30.96	564,399	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	1,900	D	\$ 30.97	562,499	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	2,200	D	\$ 31	560,299	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 31.02	558,999	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	4,500	D	\$ 31.03	554,499	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	3,800	D	\$ 31.04	550,699	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 31.05	550,099	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	3,200	D	\$ 31.06	546,899	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 31.07	546,699	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	800	D	\$ 31.1	545,899	D
	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D		545,399	D

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Common Stock					\$ 31.13		
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	4,200	D	\$ 31.15	541,199	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 31.16	540,999	D
Common Stock	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	2,200	D	\$ 31.17	538,799	D
Common Stock (3)	11/10/2005	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 31.18	538,299	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.75	11/10/2005		M	64,658	01/22/2001(4)	01/22/2011	Common Stock	64,658
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.06	11/10/2005		M	342	11/16/2001(5)	11/16/2001	Common Stock	342

Reporting Owners

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

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LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

CEO

Signatures

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

11/14/2005

**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 November 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) Please see subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1 sales plan described in Footnote (2).
- (4) 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.
- (5) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 50,000 on November 16, 2001 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on November 16, 2001, November 16, 2002 and November 16, 2003.
- (6) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by Ms. Cafaro as of November 10, 2005.

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