#### **CROCKER DOUGLAS II**

Form 4

January 04, 2006

## 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 \* CROCKER DOUGLAS II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VENTAS INC [VTR]

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

(Month/Day/Year) TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA 01/01/2006

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie oner Disposee (Instr. 3, 4 a	d of (Ľ	<b>)</b> )	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	01/01/2006		A	1,750 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	48,151.427	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2006		A	419.463 (2)	A	\$ 32.78	48,570.89	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)

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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 proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.02	01/01/2006		A	5,000 (3)	01/01/2006(4)	01/01/2016	Common Stock	5,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ROCKER DOUGLAS II						

CROCKER DOUGLAS II TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA X CHICAGO, IL 60606

## **Signatures**

Douglas Crocker II, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*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) Restricted Stock Units granted under the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors ("Plan"). Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
  - Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of

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- (2) Director quarterly retainer fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2004 Stock Plan for Directors.
- (4) Options are exercisable in cumulative 50% annual installments beginning on January 1, 2006.

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