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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) 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(encer un applicable)		
		LACE,	(Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2006	_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	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			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/05/2006		M	30,961	A	\$ 11.42	569,249	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2006		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 39.73	569,149	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2006		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 39.74	569,049	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2006		S(1)(2)	90	D	\$ 39.76	568,959	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2006		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 39.77	568,659	D	

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Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 39.78	568,259	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 39.79	567,659	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,615	D	\$ 39.8	566,044	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	510	D	\$ 39.81	565,534	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 39.82	564,934	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,961	D	\$ 39.83	562,973	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,685	D	\$ 39.84	561,288	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,900	D	\$ 39.85	559,388	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	2,698	D	\$ 39.86	556,690	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,504	D	\$ 39.87	555,186	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 39.88	553,886	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 39.89	552,786	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	2,600	D	\$ 39.9	550,186	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 39.91	548,586	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	2,008	D	\$ 39.92	546,578	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 39.93	545,478	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,090	D	\$ 39.94	544,388	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 39.95	543,088	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,064	D	\$ 39.96	542,024	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 39.97	540,924	D
	12/05/2006	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	100	D		540,824	D

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Common Stock					\$ 39.98		
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	1,661	D	\$ 39.99	539,163	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 40	538,863	D
Common Stock	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	75	D	\$ 40.03	538,788	D
Common Stock (3)	12/05/2006	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 40.09	538,488	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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		ansactiorDerivative Expiration Date de Securities (Month/Day/Year) str. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,			7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.42	12/05/2006		M		30,961	01/13/2003(4)	01/13/2013	Common Stock	30,961	

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

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

12/07/2006

**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 September 7, 2006, 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 17, 2005.
- (3) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (2).
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 198,830 on January 13, 2003, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 13, 2003, January 13, 2004 and January 13, 2005.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of December 5, 2006.

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