VENTAS INC Form 4 January 14, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAFARO DEBRA A			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	(Check an applicable)			
		PLACE,	(Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specifielow) below) Chairman, President and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
LOUISVILLE	" KY 4022	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) 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)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.27	720,860	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 41.28	720,660	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.44	720,560	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.5	720,460	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.57	720,360	D	

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Common	01/10/2008	S ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	100	D	\$	720,260	D
Stock	01/10/2000	~ <u></u>	100	_	41.59	, = 0, = 0	_
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.6	720,160	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.63	720,060	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 41.71	719,760	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.74	719,660	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.79	719,560	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.88	719,460	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 41.9	719,160	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.92	719,060	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.94	718,960	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.95	718,860	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 41.96	718,760	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 41.97	718,560	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 42	718,360	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.01	718,260	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.02	718,160	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 42.03	717,960	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 42.06	717,760	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.07	717,660	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.08	717,560	D
	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D		717,360	D

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Common Stock					\$ 42.09	
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.1 717,260	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.11 717,160	D
Common Stock	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 42.15 717,060	D
Common Stock (3)	01/10/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 42.16 716,860	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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	, ,	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships						
,	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
01/14/2008

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**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 January 10, 2008, 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 15, 2007.
- (3) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filings dated the date hereof which contain additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (2).

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