

RINEY T RICHARD  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
12/15/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec.V.P., General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		10,000	A	\$ 23
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S(1)(2)		100	D	\$ 40.5
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S(1)(2)		500	D	\$ 40.51
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S(1)(2)		800	D	\$ 40.52
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S(1)(2)		200	D	\$ 40.53

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Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	700	D	\$ 40.54	298,934	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 40.55	298,734	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 40.59	298,534	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 40.6	298,334	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 40.61	298,234	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 40.62	297,934	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 40.63	297,834	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 40.64	297,734	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 40.65	297,434	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 40.66	297,234	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 40.67	296,934	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 40.68	296,834	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 40.7	296,734	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 40.71	296,434	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 40.72	296,134	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 40.73	295,934	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 40.75	295,734	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	4,000	D	\$ 40.76	291,734	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 40.77	291,634	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 40.8	291,334	D
	12/15/2006	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D		291,234	D

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Common Stock \$ 40.82  
 Common Stock 1,300 I By IRA

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)	\$ 23	12/15/2006		M	10,000	01/13/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/13/2014	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other  
 Exec.V.P.,  
 General  
 Counsel

RINEY T RICHARD  
 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300  
 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

## Signatures

T. Richard      12/19/2006  
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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).

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- (1) On November 30, 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 3, 2006.
- (3) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 48,033 on January 13, 2004 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 13, 2004, January 13, 2005 and January 13, 2006.
- (4) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of December 15, 2006.

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