VENTAS INC Form 4 November 17, 2006

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 * CAFARO DEBRA A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	ast) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300			11/15/2006	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
LOUISVILL	E,, KY 402	223		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)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			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	11/15/2006		M	31,000	A	\$ 11.42	569,288	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2006		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 36.87	568,988	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2006		S(1)(2)	3,300	D	\$ 36.88	565,688	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2006		S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 36.89	565,388	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2006		S(1)(2)	1,800	D	\$ 36.9	563,588	D	

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Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 36.91	562,688	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	1,600	D	\$ 36.92	561,088	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	2,200	D	\$ 36.93	558,888	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 36.94	557,188	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 36.95	556,688	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 36.96	556,388	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 36.97	556,088	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 36.98	555,988	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	2,400	D	\$ 36.99	553,588	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	2,100	D	\$ 37	551,488	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 37.01	550,288	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	3,000	D	\$ 37.02	547,288	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	1,900	D	\$ 37.03	545,388	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 37.04	544,488	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	1,400	D	\$ 37.05	543,088	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	900	D	\$ 37.06	542,188	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 37.07	541,788	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 37.08	541,288	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	1,000	D	\$ 37.09	540,288	D
Common Stock	11/15/2006	S(1)(2)	1,900	D	\$ 37.1	538,388	D
	11/15/2006	$S_{(1)(2)}$	100	D		538,288	D

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Common \$ Stock 37.14

Common Stock 5,000 (3) I By Trust

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	Date Exercisab	le and	7. Title and A	Amount o
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orDerivative	Expiration Date		Underlying S	Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year	r)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)				
	Derivative				or Disposed of				
	Security				(D)				
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
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Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.42	11/15/2006		M	31,000	01/13/2003(4)	01/13/2013	Common Stock	31,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, 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).

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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) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (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 November 15, 2006.

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