**VENTAS INC** Form 4 February 08, 2007

## 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 * CAFARO DEBRA A		orting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			VENTAS INC [VTR]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300		X PLACE,	02/06/2007	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Chairman, President and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
				Form filed by More than One Reporting			

#### LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	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)		of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/06/2007		M	Amount 24,500	(D)	\$ 23.81	763,128	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2007		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47	763,028	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2007		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.04	762,928	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2007		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.09	762,828	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2007		S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.12	762,628	D	

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Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 47.15	762,228	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.16	762,028	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.17	761,928	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 47.18	761,428	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 47.19	761,028	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 47.2	759,928	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	1,100	D	\$ 47.21	758,828	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	1,673	D	\$ 47.22	757,155	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	3,627	D	\$ 47.23	753,528	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	4,234	D	\$ 47.24	749,294	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	1,666	D	\$ 47.25	747,628	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 47.26	747,128	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 47.27	746,828	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 47.28	746,428	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.3	746,228	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 47.31	745,928	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	700	D	\$ 47.32	745,228	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	1,200	D	\$ 47.33	744,028	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 47.34	743,528	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 47.35	743,028	D
	02/06/2007	$S_{(1)(2)}$	300	D		742,728	D

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Common Stock					\$ 47.36		
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	400	D	\$ 47.37	742,328	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	1,700	D	\$ 47.38	740,628	D
Common Stock	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	1,300	D	\$ 47.39	739,328	D
Common Stock (3)	02/06/2007	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.4	739,228	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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	5. Number of orDerivative Securities	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A	Securities
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.81	02/06/2007		M	24,500	01/23/2004(4)	01/23/2014	Common Stock	24,500

# **Reporting Owners**

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

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### **Signatures**

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

02/08/2007

\*\*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 11, 2007, 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) 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 142,080 on January 23, 2004 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 23, 2004, January 23, 2005 and January 23, 2006.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of February 6, 2007.

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