

RINEY T RICHARD  
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**FORM 4**

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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)  
03/16/2010

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)  
EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

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	03/16/2010		M		38,924	A	\$ 30.83
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S(1)(2)		232	D	\$ 46.67
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S(1)(2)		100	D	\$ 46.6711
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S(1)(2)		668	D	\$ 46.674
Common Stock	03/16/2010		S(1)(2)		1,000	D	\$ 46.7165

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Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 46.76	313,081	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	500	D	\$ 46.8	312,581	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 46.81	312,381	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 46.83	312,181	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 46.87	312,081	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 46.9	311,881	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 46.92	311,581	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 46.9602	311,481	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 46.9612	311,381	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 46.965	311,081	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,600	D	\$ 46.97	308,481	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,100	D	\$ 46.9725	306,381	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 46.99	306,181	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 47	305,781	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	800	D	\$ 47.0001	304,981	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 47.0018	299,981	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.01	299,881	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,582	D	\$ 47.0101	298,299	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.0104	298,199	D
Common Stock	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,418	D	\$ 47.02	295,781	D
	03/16/2010	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 47.03	295,481	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	03/16/2010		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 47.04	295,281 D
Common Stock	03/16/2010		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 47.05	295,081 D
Common Stock	03/16/2010		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,300	D	\$ 47.06	292,781 D
Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	03/16/2010		<u>S(1)(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 47.0609	292,681 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. 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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.83	03/16/2010		M	38,924	01/27/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/27/2016	Common Stock 38,924

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RINEY T RICHARD 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE, KY 40223			EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC	

## Signatures

T. Richard  
Riney

03/18/2010

\_\_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 March 16, 2010, 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 December 10, 2009.
- (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).
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 38,924 on January 27, 2006 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal annual installments on January 27, 2006, January 27, 2007 and January 27, 2008.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of March 16, 2010.

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