

RINEY T RICHARD  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
08/07/2009

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	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/07/2009		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		1,400	D	\$ 39	331,868	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		200	D	\$ 39.01	331,668	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		1,700	D	\$ 39.02	329,968	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		300	D	\$ 39.025	329,668	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009		S <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		2,403	D	\$ 39.03	327,265	D

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Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	900	D	\$ 39.035	326,365	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	9,598	D	\$ 39.04	316,767	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 39.045	316,567	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	7,289	D	\$ 39.05	309,278	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 39.055	309,078	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,904	D	\$ 39.06	307,174	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,200	D	\$ 39.07	305,974	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	806	D	\$ 39.08	305,168	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	500	D	\$ 39.09	304,668	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 39.11	302,168	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,300	D	\$ 39.12	299,868	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 39.13	299,468	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	4,200	D	\$ 39.15	295,268	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	3,398	D	\$ 39.16	291,870	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 39.175	291,470	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	2,701	D	\$ 39.18	288,769	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 39.185	288,569	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,601	D	\$ 39.19	286,968	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 39.2	285,968	D
Common Stock	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 39.21	284,168	D
	08/07/2009	<u>S(1)(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 39.23	283,768	D

Common  
Stock

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Stock (3) 08/07/2009 S<sup>(1)(2)</sup> 1,700 D \$ 39.24 282,068 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## 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 08/11/2009

\*\*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 August 7, 2009, 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.

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- (2) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated August 8, 2008.
- (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).

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