

SPARTAN STORES INC  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STAPLES DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/18/2007

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)  
Executive VP & CFO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/18/2007		M		12,500	A	\$ 2.29
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/18/2007		M		1,562	A	\$ 3.25
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/18/2007		M		1,563	A	\$ 11.5
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/18/2007		M		3,000	A	\$ 13.7
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/18/2007		S		18,625	D	\$ 25

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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)	\$ 25	10/18/2007		M	12,500	05/07/2007 05/06/2013	Common Stock	12,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25	10/18/2007		M	1,562	05/12/2007 05/11/2014	Common Stock	1,562
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25	10/18/2007		M	1,563	05/11/2007 05/10/2015	Common Stock	1,563
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25	10/18/2007		M	3,000	05/10/2007 05/09/2016	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STAPLES DAVID M C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518			Executive VP & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, By Power of  
Attorney

10/19/2007

\_\_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) All of the transactions reported on this Form 4 were executed as part of a prearranged written trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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