SPARTAN STORES INC

Form 4

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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)

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting STAPLES DAVID M | Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (N | | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW | | (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2007 | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive VP & CFO | | |
| (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 | 8 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) (State) | (Zip) | Table I Non Derivative Securities Age | vuined Disposed of an Popoficially Owne | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly 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) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock (1) | 10/18/2007 | | M | 12,500 | A | \$ 2.29 | 75,863 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | 10/18/2007 | | M | 1,562 | A | \$ 3.25 | 77,425 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | 10/18/2007 | | M | 1,563 | A | \$ 11.5 | 78,988 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | 10/18/2007 | | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 13.7 | 81,988 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | 10/18/2007 | | S | 18,625 | D | \$ 25 | 63,363 | D | |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of torDerivative 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | 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 | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 6 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| STAPLES DAVID M | | | | | | | | |
| C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW | | | Executive VP & CFO | | | | | |
| GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 | | | | | | | | |

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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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