SPARTAN STORES INC

Form 4 May 20, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STEVENS KENNETH T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

(Check all applicable)

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW

(Month/Day/Year)

05/16/2008

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X 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

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1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D)

Price

D

Common Stock (1)

(City)

05/16/2008

1,800 A A

\$0 12,214.42

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)

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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 conf 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)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	1,200	05/01/2009	05/16/2018	Common Stock	1,200	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	1,200	05/01/2010	05/16/2018	Common Stock	1,200	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	1,200	05/01/2011	05/16/2018	Common Stock	1,200	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STEVENS KENNETH T C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518	X					

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, by Power of Attorney 05/20/2008

**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).

This Form 4 reflects the grant of 1,800 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005 ("Plan").

(1) These shares will vest at the rate of one-third per year beginning on May 1, 2009 and will be fully vested on May 1, 2011. Prior to vesting, these shares remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.

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