#### STAPLES DAVID M

Form 4

February 14, 2006

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and AdSTAPLES D	•	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			SI ARTAN STORES INC [SI III]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW			02/10/2006	X Officer (give title Other (specify		
				below) below)		
				Executive Vice President & CFO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
GRAND RA	APIDS, MI	19518		Form filed by More than One Reporting		

(City)	(State)	(Z <sub>1</sub> p) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (4 and 5 (A) or	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)
Common Stock	02/10/2006		Code V S	Amount 17,662	(D)	Price \$ 11.5466	60,345	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2006		M	1,562	A	\$ 3.25	61,907	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S	4,734	D	\$ 11.65	57,173	D	

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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)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	orities uired or osed of r. 3, 4,	ive 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)	\$ 3.25	02/10/2006		M		1,562	05/12/2005	05/11/2014	Common Stock	1,562
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.25						05/12/2006	05/11/2014	Common Stock	1,562
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.25						05/12/2007	05/11/2014	Common Stock	1,563
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.25						05/12/2008	05/11/2014	Common Stock	1,563

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
·L··· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STAPLES DAVID M C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518			Executive Vice President & CFO			
Signatures						
/s/ Gordon R. Lewis, attorney in fact		02/14/2006				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

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