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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SPARTAN STORES INC [(SPTN)] Jones Derek R (Month/Day/Year) 09/18/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 850 - 76TH STREET SW (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person GRAND RAPIDS, MIÂ 49518 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Exec. V.P. Supply Chain Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | f (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | |

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Jones Derek R 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MIÂ 49518

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Signatures

/s/ Gordon R. Lewis, attorney-in-fact

09/19/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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