

STAPLES DAVID M  
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**

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(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)  
05/18/2007

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 Vice President & 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/18/2007                           |  | A                              | 9,600<br>(1)  | \$ 0 75,690   | D  |                                   |

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. 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) | 8.    |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 28.28   | 05/18/2007                           |  | A                              | 1,875   | 05/18/2008 05/17/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 1,875 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 28.28   | 05/18/2007                           |  | A                              | 1,875   | 05/18/2009 05/17/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 1,875 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 28.28   | 05/18/2007                           |  | A                              | 1,875   | 05/18/2010 05/17/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 1,875 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 28.28   | 05/18/2007                           |  | A                              | 1,875   | 05/18/2011 05/17/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 1,875 |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, By Power of Attorney  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 05/22/2007  
 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).

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This Form 4 reports the grant of 9,600 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005 ("Plan"). These shares will vest at the rate of 20% each year beginning on May 18, 2008, and will be fully vested on May 18, 2012. Prior to vesting, these shares will remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.

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