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FORM 4

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SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ATKINS M SHAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/18/2007

X Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title below)

(Street)

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

GRAND RAPIDS. MI 49518

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

05/18/2007

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

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) Price

Code V Amount 1,491

(1)

A

\$0

12,225.42 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.28	05/18/2007		A	395	05/18/2008	05/17/2017	Common Stock	395
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.28	05/18/2007		A	395	05/18/2009	05/17/2017	Common Stock	395
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.28	05/18/2007		A	396	05/18/2010	05/17/2017	Common Stock	396

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
noporous o where come , reactions	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ATKINS M SHAN C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518	X					

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, By Power of Attorney 05/22/2007

**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).

This Form 4 reflects the grant of 1,491 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 18, 2008 and will be fully vested on May 18, 2010. Prior to vesting, these shares remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.

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