

SPARTAN STORES INC  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
05/16/2008

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	05/16/2008		A	10,900	\$ 0	70,914	D
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	05/18/2008		F	592	\$ 22.69	70,322	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)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	2,725	05/01/2009 05/16/2018	Common Stock	2,725
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	2,725	05/01/2010 05/16/2018	Common Stock	2,725
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	2,725	05/01/2011 05/16/2018	Common Stock	2,725
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.69	05/16/2008		A	2,725	05/01/2012 05/16/2018	Common Stock	2,725

## Reporting Owners

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

## 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 reports the grant of 10,900 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005 ("Plan").

- (1) These shares will vest at the rate of 20% each year beginning on May 1, 2009, and will be fully vested on May 1, 2013. Prior to vesting, these shares will remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.
- (2) These shares were withheld by Spartan Stores, Inc. to satisfy tax withholding obligations incident upon the vesting of shares of restricted stock, the grant of which was previously reported.

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