

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 *
COUCH DAVID DES

(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
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

V.P. Information Technology

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 05/16/2008 | | A | | 4,500 | A | \$ 22.69 |
| Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | 05/18/2008 | | F | | 272 | D | \$ 22.69 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,000 |
| | | | | | | I | By trust |

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 (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 | 2,175 | 05/01/2009 05/16/2018 | Common Stock | 2,175 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.69 | 05/16/2008 | | A | 2,175 | 05/01/2010 05/16/2018 | Common Stock | 2,175 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.69 | 05/16/2008 | | A | 2,175 | 05/01/2011 05/16/2018 | Common Stock | 2,175 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.69 | 05/16/2008 | | A | 2,175 | 05/01/2012 05/16/2018 | Common Stock | 2,175 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COUCH DAVID DES C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 | | | V.P. Information Technology | |

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 4,500 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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