

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 \*  
VAN HALL THOMAS A

(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)  
05/10/2006

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)  
Vice President of Finance

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) |   |                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |   |                 |
| Common Stock                    | 05/10/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 9,000<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$ 0 43,331                       | D |                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 13,000                            | I | By Wife's 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 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)                | \$ 13.7  | 05/10/2006                           |  | A                              | 1,500   | 05/10/2007 05/10/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 1,500                         |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 13.7  | 05/10/2006                           |  | A                              | 1,500   | 05/10/2008 05/10/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 1,500                         |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 13.7  | 05/10/2006                           |  | A                              | 1,500   | 05/10/2009 05/10/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 1,500                         |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 13.7  | 05/10/2006                           |  | A                              | 1,500   | 05/10/2010 05/10/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 1,500                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| VAN HALL THOMAS A<br>C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW<br>GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 |               |           | Vice President of Finance |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Alex J. DeYonker, Power of Attorney  
05/12/2006

\*\*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 9,000 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan ("Plan"). These (1) shares will vest at the rate of 20% each year beginning on May 10, 2007, and will be fully vested on May 10, 2011. 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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