

SPARTAN STORES INC  
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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 \*  
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)  
05/15/2006

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  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/15/2006		M		6,000	A	\$ 8.07
Common Stock	05/15/2006		M		6,250	A	\$ 2.29
Common Stock	05/15/2006		M		781	A	\$ 3.25
Common Stock	05/15/2006		F		7,371	D	\$ 13.295
Common Stock	05/16/2006		S		5,660	D	\$ 13.787

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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)	\$ 8.07	05/15/2006		M	6,000	05/08/2003 05/08/2012	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.07					05/08/2004 05/08/2012	Common Stock	6,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.07					05/08/2005 05/08/2012	Common Stock	6,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.07					05/08/2006 05/08/2012	Common Stock	6,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.29	05/15/2006		M	6,250	05/07/2006 05/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.29					05/07/2007 05/07/2013	Common Stock	6,250

Buy)									
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.25	05/15/2006	M	781	05/12/2006	05/12/2014	Common Stock	781	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.25				05/12/2007	05/12/2014	Common Stock	781	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.25				05/12/2008	05/12/2014	Common Stock	782	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Gordon R. Lewis, attorney  
in fact

05/17/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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