

WRIGHT JAMES F  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL  
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

(Print or Type Responses)

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Wright James F. (Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Spartan Stores, Inc. ("SPTN")
c/o Spartan Stores, Inc. 850 - 76th Street SW (Street)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director &nbsp; <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
Grand Rapids Michigan 49518 (City) (State) (Zip)	6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)  8/7/02	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	0	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

