

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DEYONKER ALEX J

(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)
10/01/2006

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)
Exec. VP, Gen. Counsel & Secy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/01/2006		A	8,750 (1)	\$ 0 10,750	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)

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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.	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.13	10/01/2006		A	1,500	10/01/2007	09/30/2016	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.13	10/01/2006		A	1,500	10/01/2008	09/30/2016	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.13	10/01/2006		A	1,500	10/01/2009	09/30/2016	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.13	10/01/2006		A	1,500	10/01/2010	09/30/2016	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEYONKER ALEX J C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518			Exec. VP, Gen. Counsel & Secy	

Signatures

/s/ Gordon R. Lewis, attorney
in fact
10/02/2006

**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).

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This Form 4 reports the grant of 8,750 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan ("Plan"). These shares will vest at the rate of 20% per year beginning on October 1, 2007, and will be fully vested on October 1, 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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