

THOMAS EDWARD J  
 Form 4  
 November 15, 2002

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
 COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
 OWNERSHIP**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">                     Thomas,                      Edward                      J.                      (Last)                                      (First)                                      (Middle)                 </div> 850 - 76th Street SW  <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">                     Grand Rapids                      Michigan                      49518                      (City)                                      (State)                                      (Zip)                 </div>	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  11/13/02  5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Spartan Stores, Inc. ("SPTN")	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director                      &nbsp;    ___ 10% Owner <u>X</u> Officer (give title below)                      ___ Other (specify below)  &nbsp;    ___ Vice President Retail Merchandising
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ___ <u>X</u> 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			


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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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.14	11/13/02		A		A		11/13/03	11/12/12
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.14	11/13/02		A		A		11/13/04	11/12/12
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.14	11/13/02		A		A		11/13/05	11/12/12
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.14	11/13/02		A		A		11/13/06	11/12/12
7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Title	Amount or Number of Shares								
Common Stock	3,125		\$2.14	3,125		D			
Common Stock	3,125		\$2.14	3,125		D			
Common Stock	3,125		\$2.14	3,125		D			
Common Stock	3,125		\$2.14	3,125		D			

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Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ Edward J. Thomas

November 15, 2002

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Edward J. Thomas

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Date

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 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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