

SPARTAN STORES INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â COUCH DAVID DES</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O 850 76TH STREET SW</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>GRAND RAPIDS, Â MI Â 49518</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>08/15/2007</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>VP Information Technology</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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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. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 69,131.833 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 4,000 | I | Held by the Robert deS. Couch Irrevocable Non-Marital QTIP Living 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------|
| Phantom Stock | Â (2) | Â (2) | Common Stock | 876.31 | \$ (2) | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 10/11/2001 | 10/10/2011 | Common Stock | 8,333 | \$ 7.44 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 10/11/2002 | 10/10/2011 | Common Stock | 8,333 | \$ 7.44 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 10/11/2003 | 10/10/2011 | Common Stock | 8,334 | \$ 7.44 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/06/2004 | 05/05/2013 | Common Stock | 1,562 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/06/2005 | 05/05/2013 | Common Stock | 1,562 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/06/2006 | 05/05/2013 | Common Stock | 1,563 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/06/2007 | 05/05/2013 | Common Stock | 1,563 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2005 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 781 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2006 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 781 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2007 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 781 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2008 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 782 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2006 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2007 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2008 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2009 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2007 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2008 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |

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|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|----------|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2009 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2010 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2008 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 850 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2009 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 850 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2010 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 850 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2011 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 850 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COUCH DAVID DES C/O 850 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 | Â | Â | Â VP Information Technology | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, by power of attorney
08/24/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

(1) On August 15, 2007 the Spartan Stores, Inc. Board of Directors determined that Mr. Couch is an "officer" for the purposes of Rule 16a-1(f). Mr. Couch had previously been an "officer" for the purposes of that rule until August 2003.

(2) Represents shares of "phantom stock" held pursuant to the Spartan Stores, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("Plan"). Shares of phantom stock are issued on a one-for-one basis and are payable in cash in accordance with the Plan.

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