

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\*
Thomas, Edward J.
850 - 76th Street SW
Grand Rapids Michigan 49518
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Spartan Stores, Inc. ("SPTN")
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
11/13/02
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
X Officer (give title below) Vice President Retail Merchandising
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
X Form Filed by One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table with 8 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned, 6. Ownership Form, 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership. Includes sub-columns for 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).

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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