SPARTAN STORES INC

Form 4

September 19, 2006

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Jones Derek R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			SPARTAN STORES INC [(SPTN)]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW			(Month/Day/Year) 09/18/2006	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec. V.P. Supply Chain		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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 on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/18/2006		A	$\frac{8,750}{(1)}$ A \$0	8,750	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Person

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and a Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.23	09/18/2006		A	1,500	09/18/2007	09/17/2016	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.23	09/18/2006		A	1,500	09/18/2008	09/17/2016	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.23	09/18/2006		A	1,500	09/18/2009	09/17/2016	Common Stock	1,500	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.23	09/18/2006		A	1,500	09/18/2010	09/17/2016	Common Stock	1,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Jones Derek R

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW Exec. V.P. Supply Chain GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

Signatures

/s/ Gordon R. Lewis, attorney-in-fact

-fact 09/19/2006

**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 September 18, 2007, and will be fully vested on September 18, 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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