

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;"> Thomas, Edward J. <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> </div>	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <div style="text-align: center;"> 11/13/02 </div>
850 - 76th Street SW <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>(Street)</small> </div>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
<div style="text-align: center;"> Grand Rapids Michigan 49518 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> </div>	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President Retail Merchandising
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Spartan Stores, Inc. ("SPTN")	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. (Continued)

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

1. Title of Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Transaction Date <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>	3. Transaction Code <small>(Instr. 8)</small>		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
			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

**Signature of Reporting Person
Edward J. Thomas

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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient,
see Instruction 6 for procedure