STEVENS KENNETH T

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STEVENS KENNETH T Issuer Symbol SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW 05/15/2009 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported		
				or	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount (D) Pric	e (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1)	05/15/2009		A	2,406 A \$0	14,620.42	D	

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

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	\$ 13.87	05/15/2009		A	1,558	05/01/2010	05/15/2019	Common Stock	1,558	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	\$ 13.87	05/15/2009		A	1,559	05/01/2011	05/15/2019	Common Stock	1,559	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (2)	\$ 13.87	05/15/2009		A	1,559	05/01/2012	05/15/2019	Common Stock	1,559	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting Owner France / Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
STEVENS KENNETH T C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518	X				

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, By Power of Attorney 05/19/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- Reports the grant of 2,406 shares of restricted stock under the Spartan Stores, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005 ("Plan"). The shares will (1) vest at the rate of one-third per year beginning on May 1, 2010 and will be fully vested on May 1, 2012. Prior to vesting, the shares remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.
- Reports the grant of options to purchase 4,676 shares of common stock under the Plan. The options vest at the rate of one-third per year (2) beginning on May 1, 2010 and will be fully vested and exercisable on May 1, 2012. Prior to vesting, the options remain subject to restrictions in accordance with the Plan and the terms of the grant.

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