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FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wright (Last) James (First) F. (Middle)	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Spartan Stores, Inc. ("SPTN")
c/o Spartan Stores, Inc. 850 - 76th Street SW (Street)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director ___ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Grand Rapids (City) Michigan (State) 49518 (Zip)	6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 8/7/02	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	

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. 4)
Common Stock	0	D	

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 5(b)(v).

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Form 3 (continued) **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 (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

By/s/James F. Wright
**Signature of Reporting Person

August 14, 2002
Date

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

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