

BARTON JOEL B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN  
BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility  
Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Barton Joel B. (Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Statement for Month/Year  February 2002
850 - 76th Street, SW (Street)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
Grand Rapids Michigan 49518 (City) (State) (Zip)	
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Spartan Stores, Inc. ("SPTN")	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director &nbsp;    _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) &nbsp;    _____ <u>Former Executive Vice President Sales and Marketing</u>
3. I.R.S. or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Di- rect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	5/21/01	A	V	4,047	A	\$12.835	see below	D	
Common Stock	2/12/02	S		1,000	D	\$7.77	see below	D	
Common Stock	2/13/02	S		600	D	\$7.86	see below	D	
Common Stock	2/13/02	S		700	D	\$7.77	see below	D	
Common Stock	2/13/02	S		700	D	\$7.55	1,047	D	

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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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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)	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)		\$10.25	5/09/01	A	V	8,213		5/09/02	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$10.25	5/09/01	A	V	8,214		5/09/03	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$10.25	5/09/01	A	V	8,213		5/09/04	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$10.25	5/09/01	A	V	8,214		5/09/05	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$16.57	7/11/01	A	V	4,286		7/11/02	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$16.57	7/11/01	A	V	4,287		7/11/03	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$16.57	7/11/01	A	V	4,286		7/11/04	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$16.57	7/11/01	A	V	4,287		7/11/05	5/21/02 <sup>1</sup>
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 at End of Month (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Title	Amount of Number of Shares								
Common Stock	8,213	N/A		8,213		D			
Common Stock	8,214	N/A		8,214		D			
Common Stock	8,213	N/A		8,213		D			
Common Stock	8,214	N/A		8,214		D			
Common Stock	4,286	N/A		4,286		D			
Common Stock	4,287	N/A		4,287		D			
Common Stock	4,286	N/A		4,286		D			
Common Stock	4,287	N/A		4,287		D			

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### Explanation of Responses:

<sup>1</sup> Because the reporting person terminated employment on February 21, 2002, these options will expire on May 21, 2002, before they become exercisable.

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute

Federal Criminal Violations.  
*See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

By: /s/ Joel B. Barton  
\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Joel B. Barton

March 8, 2002  
Date

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