

SPARTAN STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 23, 2004**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-31127**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-0593940**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification no.)

**850 76<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.**  
**P.O. Box 8700**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**49518-8700**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code: **(616) 878-2000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).



**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On December 23, 2004, Spartan Stores, Inc. announced that it has sold its 65 percent ownership interest in a retail store to its former joint venture partner. The full text of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information provided under Item 7.01 of this report shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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| (c)  | <b>Exhibits:</b> The following document is attached as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K: |
| 99.1 | Press Release dated December 23, 2004   |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 23, 2004

SPARTAN STORES, INC.

By

/s/ David M. Staples

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David M. Staples  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial  
Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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99.1 Press Release dated December 23, 2004.