## FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre  | ess of Reporting Pe<br>/ILLIAM F | rson <sup>*</sup> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>SPARTAN MOTORS INC [SPAR] |   | tionship of Reporting Po<br>all applicable)<br>Director | erson(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O SPARTAN MOTORS INC                                |                                  | (Middle)          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/10/2011           | x   | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>Vice Presid            | Other (specify below)           |  |  |  |  |
| 1541 REYNOLDS ROAD   |                                  |                   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |   |                                 |  |  |  |  |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                                  |                   |  |   |   |                                 |  |  |  |  |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,<br>and 5) |               |             | Owned   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I) | of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---------------|-------------|---|--|--|
|                                 |  | Code                                    | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price       | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)                             |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 08/10/2011                                 | Α                                       |   | 1,714   | A             | \$ <u>0</u> | 1,466,276   | D  |  |

# 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   |     |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |  | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|   |   |   |  |   | Code                                    | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |  |   |                         |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. This line item reports the grant of 1,714 shares of stock under the Spartan Motors, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan of 2005.

### /s/ Kimberly Baber, as Attorney-in-Fact for William 08/12/2011

<u>F. Foster</u> \*\* Signature of Reporting Person 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).

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