SMITH DAVID BRUTON

Form 4

February 22, 2019

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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 SMITH DAVID BRUTON Issuer Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director _X__ 10% Owner __Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, 02/20/2019 below) INC., 4401 COLWICK ROAD Chief Executive Officer (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

CHARLOTTE, NC 28211

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Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or	Beneficial
(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I)	Ownership
Following (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Reported	
(A) Transaction(s)	
or (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Code V Amount (D) Price (Mistr. 5 and 1)	
Class A 50 880	
Common 02/20/2019 D 50,889 D \$ 0 280,741 D	
Stock (1)	

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
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					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting 6 wher runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH DAVID BRUTON C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211	X	X	Chief Executive Officer				

Signatures

/s/ David Bruton
Smith

**Signature of Reporting Person

O2/22/2019

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).
- (1) Represents the forfeiture of restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan on February 20, 2019 based on the achievement of performance criteria for fiscal year 2018.

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