SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH DAVID BRUTON			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]				_	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 4401 COLWICK ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2016					_X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CHARLOTTE, NC 28211								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Sec	urities Ac	quired, Dispose	d of, or Benef	icially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class A Common Stock	03/31/2016			F	4,290 (1)	D	\$ 18.48	226,848	D		
Class A Common								69,686 <u>(2)</u>	I	As a member of SMDA Development I, LLC	
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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH DAVID BRUTON							
C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	X		Vice Chairman				
4401 COLWICK ROAD	Λ		vice Chairman				
CHARLOTTE, NC 28211							

Signatures

/s/ David B.
Smith

**Signature of Reporting Person

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Explanation of Responses:

- * 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 shares delivered by the reporting person to Sonic Automotive, Inc. to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by SMDA Development I, LLC except to the extent of his pecuniary interest, if any, therein.

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