

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): August 14,2002  
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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-13395

56-201079

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5401 E. Independence Boulevard Charlotte, North Carolina

28212

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 14, 2002, each of the principal executive officer, Mr. O.Bruton Smith, and the principal financial officer, Mr. Theodore M. Wright, of Sonic Automotive, Inc. submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") sworn statements pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 4-460, Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21 (a)( 1) of the Exchange Act, in the form specified in such Order.

A copy of each of these sworn statements is attached hereto as an exhibit.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer dated August 13, 2002
99.2	Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer dated August 13, 2002

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this current report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Theodore M. Wright  
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Theodore M. Wright  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Treasurer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer)

Dated: August 14,2002

Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, O. Bruton Smith, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Sonic Automotive, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - . no covered report contained an untrue statement of material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - . no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - . Annual Report on Form 10-K for year ended December 31, 2001 of Sonic Automotive, Inc.;
  - . all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Sonic Automotive, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - . any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ O. Bruton Smith  
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Name: O. Bruton Smith  
Date: August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 13th day of  
of August, 2002

/s/ Donna Bowen  
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Notary Public  
My Commission expires: \_\_  
August 12, 2003  
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Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Theodore M. Wright, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Sonic Automotive, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - . no covered report contained an untrue statement of material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
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  - . any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ Theodore M. Wright  
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Name: Theodore M. Wright  
Date: August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 13th day of  
August, 2002

/s/ LeAnn S. Schaper  
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Notary Public  
My Commission expires:  
May 12, 2007  
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