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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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 (Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 4401 COLWICK ROAD				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2020						X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer			
(Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28211			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	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	02/17/2020
**Signature of Reporting Person	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 shares delivered by the reporting person to Sonic Automotive, Inc. to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon vesting of restricted stock units

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