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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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TOMOTIVE,		3 Date		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 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) EVP and CFO				
(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		
Byrd Heath C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211			EVP and CFO			

Signatures

/s/ Heath R. Byrd	02/17/2020
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

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