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to Section 16.	Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities obligations may Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the continue. See Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or				
(Print or Type Response	s)				
1. Name and Address of					
Smith	0.	Bruton			
(Last) c/o Sonic Automotive, I 5401 E. Independence Bl	(First)	(Middle)			
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Explanation of Responses:

- (2) On June 18, 2001, Mr. Smith transferred 100,000 shares of Sonic's Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Mr. Smith to Egan Group, LLC (a member of the "Smith Group" as defined in Sonic's Charter) in consideration for Egan Group, LLC transferring 100,000 shares of Sonic's Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by Egan Group, LLC to Mr. Smith. This transaction is being reported on Form 4 as a conversion exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 pursuant to Rule 16b-6(b) promulgated thereunder and related SEC guidance.
- (3) Of the 11,052,500 shares of Sonic's Class B Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by Mr. Smith in the table above, 2,171,250 shares are held directly by Mr. Smith and 8,881,250 shares are held indirectly by Mr. Smith through Sonic Financial Corporation. Mr. Smith owns the substantial majority of stock of Sonic Financial Corporation.

/s/ O. Bruton Smith 6/29/01
-----**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If this form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction $4\left(b\right)\left(v\right)$.
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.