<S> FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(PRINT OR TYPE RESPON	NSES)				
 Name and Address of Reporting Person* Person(s) to Issuer 		rson* 2	. Issuer Name AND Ticker or	6. Relationshi	p of Reporting
			Trading Symbol	(Check all X Direct	applicable) .or
K 10% Owner					
				X Office	er
Other					
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Smith Ollen Br			Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAF		(2) below
Last) (First) (Mi		3	. I.R.S. Identification for Month/Ye Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		
401 East Independence	Blvd.		8/99		
(Street)			5. If 7. Individ	ual or Joint/Grou	p Filing (Check
Applicable			Amendment, Line) Date of Original	_ Form filed by C Form filed by M	one Reporting Per
Reporting Person Charlotte, NC	28212		(Month/Year)	101m 11100 by 1	
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, SEE Instruction 4(b)(v

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FORM 4 (CONTINUED) TABLE II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. 5. 8. 11. 10. _ _____ _ _____ _____ _____ _____ Title and Ownership Number of Date Exer-Amount of Form of Derivative cisable and Underlying Number of Deriv-Securities Expiration Securities Price Derivative ative Conver-Trans-Acquired (A) Date (Month/ (Instr. 3 of Securities Security: action sion or Transor Disposed Day/Year) and 4) Deriv-Benefi-Direct Exercise action Code of (D) cially (D) ative or Nature of Title of Price of Date (Instr. (Instr. 3, Date Amount Secur-Owned at Indirect Indirect Derivative Deriv-(Month/ 8) 4, and 5) Exer-Expiror Numity End of (I) Beneficial Security ative Day/ -----_____ cisation ber of (Instr. Month (Instr. Ownership (Instr. 3) Security Year) able Title Shares 5) Code V (A) (D) Date (Instr. 4) 4) (Instr. 4) - -----_____ <S> <C> Put Options Class A (obligation Common to buy) \$12.50 8/9/99 S 300(1) 8/9/99 11/20/99 Stock 30,000(1) \$112.50 D

(1) On August 9, 1999, Mr. Smith wrote a put optio by 300 standardized option contracts for 100 s Mr. Smith, at the election of the holder, to p at any time prior to November 20, 1999.	hares each), which entitle the holder of	the put option to require
** Intentional misstatements or omissions of		9/8/99
facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a)	** Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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