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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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	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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Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]   X_Director Officer (give title below title belo	SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]   X_Director Officer (give title below)   Cofficer (give title belo	SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]   Check all applicable   SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]   Check all applicable   Interest   Inte

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BROOKS WILLIAM R C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	X					

# **Signatures**

/s/ William R. Brooks	04/22/2011
**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) Restricted stock granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2005 Formula Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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

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