## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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pe Responses	s)														
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Byrd Heath				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]						5	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) 03/22/2016							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  EVP and CFO				
(Street)				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				
)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
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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	03/23/2016
**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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