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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Byrd Heath				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]							4	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) 03/31/2016							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP and CFO					
TTF NC	(Street) 28211		4. If <i>a</i>	Amendm	ent,	Date	Origin	al Fi	led(Mont	h/Day/Year)		X_ Form fil	ed by One Repo	orting Person	• •	le Line)
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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	04/04/2016
**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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