#### SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4 April 04, 2016

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **SMITH O BRUTON** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

**Executive Chairman** 

(Month/Day/Year)

03/31/2016

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner \_ Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title

C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

**BOULEVARD** 

(City)

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ities A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or D	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A									
Common	03/31/2016		F	7,303	D	\$	425,242	D	

(1)

Stock

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monun Day/ Year)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITH O BRUTON C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	X	X	Executive Chairman			

## **Signatures**

/s/ O. Bruton
Smith

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

O4/04/2016

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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