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if no longer subject to Section 16. SECURITIES SECURITIES SECURITIES							2005 verage			
(Print or Type 1. Name and A SMITH O	Address of Reportin	g Person <u>*</u>	Symbol	er Name <b>an</b> C AUTON			c	5. Relationship of I Issuer		
			e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year) 5/2018				(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director <u>X</u> 10% Owner <u>X</u> Officer (give title <u>Other</u> (specify below) Executive Chairman			
			nth/Day/Year) A			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tał	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	ed of (		) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	05/25/2018			Р	15,000	А	\$ 21.410 (1)	9 909,691	D	

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Unde Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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## **Reporting Owners**

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

## Signatures

/s/ O. Bruton	05/20/2010			
Smith	05/28/2018			

<u>\*\*</u>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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$21.40 per share to \$21.55 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a

(1) The weighted average purchase price. The reporting person needy undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC start, the issuer of a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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