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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K August 14, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 14,2002

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-13395 56-201079

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Indentification No.)

5401 E. Independence Boulevard Charlotte, North Carolina

28212

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 14, 2002, each of the principal executive officer, Mr. O.Bruton Smith, and the principal financial officer, Mr. Theodore M. Wright, of Sonic Automotive, Inc. submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") sworn statements pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 4-460, Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21 (a) (1) of the Exchange Act, in the form specified in such Order.

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{A}}$ copy of each of these sworn statements is attached hereto as an exhibit.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer dated August 13, 2002
99.2	Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer dated August 13, 2002

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this current report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Theodore M. Wright

Theodore M. Wright
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial and Accounting
Officer)

Dated: August 14,2002