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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K November 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): November 14, 2002

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(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 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28212 (Zip Code)

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

Item 5. Other Events

On November 14, 2002, we issued a press release announcing the promotion of certain members of our senior management.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Theodore M. Wright

Theodore M. Wright
President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 14, 2002

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