SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

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++ FORM 4 ++ [_] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).	WASHING STATEMENT OF CHAIN Filed pursuant to See Exchange Act of Euchange Dublic Utility Holes	ES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NGTON, D.C. 20549 NGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERS ection 16(a) of the Secur. 1934, Section 17(a) of the liding Company Act of 1935	HIP ities e or
(Print or Type Responses)	Section So(1) of the	e Investment Company Act o	01 1940
1. Name and Address of R	eporting Person*		
Heller	Н	Robert	
(Last)	(First)	(Mide	dle)
90 Gilmartin Drive			
	(Street)		
Tiburon	CA	949:	20
(City)	(State)	(1	Zip)
2. Issuer Name and Ticke	r or Trading Symbol	Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH")
3. I.R.S. Identification (voluntary)	Number of Reporting I	erson, if an entity?	
4. Statement for Month/Y			
5. If Amendment, Date of	Original (Month/Year))	
6. Relationship of Repor	ting Person(s) to Issu	uer (Check all applicable)
X Director O	fficer	_ 10% Owner Other	

	(give t	tle below)			(speci	fy below)	
7. Individual or Jos X_ Form filed k	oy One Repor	cting Person					
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of ac Security Da (Instr. 3)	action	3. Trans- action Code (Instr.			ties Acquired (A) posed of (D) . 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficial Owned at End of
	Year)				(A) or (D)	Price	Month (Instr. 3
Class A Common Stock	3/2/01	P		10,000	A	\$8.30	
Class A Common Stock	3/21/01	L P		10,000	А	\$7.96	26,000
				/s/ Robe:	rt Heller		
Table IIDerivative (e.g., puts,				posed of, or Be convertible sec		y Owned	
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ RObert Heller 4-6-01
-----**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If this 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.