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[_]	Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.	ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGE	
	Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Report Form 4 Transactions F	rted	Section 17(a) of the
1.	Name and Address of I	Reporting Person*	
	Benton,	William	Р.
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
		355 Martell Drive	
		(Street)	
	Bloomfield Hills,	MI	48304
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
2.	Issuer Name and Ticke	er or Trading Symbol Sonic	Automotive, Inc. (SAH)
3.	I.R.S. Identification (Voluntary)	n Number of Reporting Person	, if an entity
4.	Statement for Month/		
5.	If Amendment, Date of	f Original (Month/Year) 	
6.	[x] Director [] (	rting Person(s) to Issuer (C Officer [ ] 10% (give title below)	Check all applicable) Owner [] Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

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6. Date Exer— 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 9. Number 10 cisable and Underlying Securities of of Deriv- ative Date active Secur- ities (Month/Day/ Secur- ities ity Bene- (Instr. 5) ficially Owned Date Expira— Amount or at End Exer— tion Title Number of of Year cisable Date Shares (Instr. 4)

9/30/01 3/30/11 Class A 10,000 20,000 20,000 common stock

#### Explanation of Responses:

/s/ W.P. Benton February 6, 2002

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Signature of Reporting Person Date

<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).