SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4 April 24, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add DOOLAN VI	•	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
35 VIA MONARCA			04/21/2006	Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
				X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DANA POINT, CA 92629				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
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(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					(A)		Following Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A									
Common Stock	04/21/2006		A	2,185	A	(1)	4,845	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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DOOLAN VICTOR H								
35 VIA MONARCA	X							
DANA POINT, CA 92629								

Signatures

/s/ Victor H.
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**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).
- (1) Restricted stock granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2005 Formula Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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