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Jonathan G. Katz
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450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549-0609

Re: Sonic Automotive, Inc. – Statements under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Order dated June 27, 2002 (File No. 4-460)

Dear Sir:

I have enclosed the following manually-signed original documents in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Order dated June 27, 2002 (File No. 4-460).

- Statement under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings signed by Mr. O. Bruton Smith, Sonic Automotive, Inc.'s principal executive officer.
- Statement under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings signed by Mr. Theodore M. Wright, Sonic Automotive, Inc.'s principal financial officer.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed by file stamping a copy of this letter and a copy of each enclosure and returning them to me in the enclosed envelope.

Please call either the undersigned at 704.566.2420 or Tom O'Donnell at 704.331.3542 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Stephen K. Coss
Vice President and General Counsel

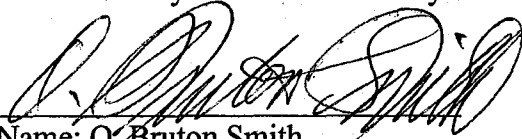
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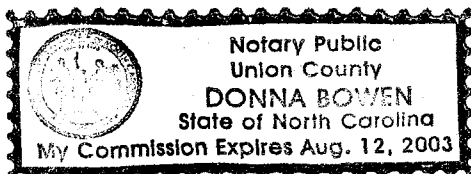
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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**


I, O. Bruton Smith, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Sonic Automotive, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for year ended December 31, 2001 of Sonic Automotive, Inc.;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Sonic Automotive, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.


Name: O. Bruton Smith
Date: August 13, 2002



Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 13 day of
of August, 2002


Notary Public
My Commission expires:

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