



Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 17, 2018, Sonic Automotive, Inc. issued a press release announcing its anticipated financial results for its fiscal second quarter ended June 30, 2018 and fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 (the "Earnings Press Release"). A copy of the Earnings Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	<u>Press Release of Sonic Automotive, Inc., dated July 17, 2018.</u>
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The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

Date: July 17, 2018 By: /s/ STEPHEN K. COSS

Stephen K. Coss

Senior Vice President and General Counsel