

Cade Christopher
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Cade Christopher

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600
(Street)

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP and CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 03/01/2018 | | M | 1,340 | A | Ⓐ | 3,335 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 03/01/2018 | | F | 565 | D | \$ | 49.16 | 2,770 | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 03/01/2018 | | M | 1,340 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 1,340 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 03/01/2018 | | A | 8,136 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 8,136 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cade Christopher 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 | | | SVP and CAO | |

Signatures

/s/ C. Coleman Edmunds,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/05/2018

__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) The restricted stock units converted into shares of AutoNation common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2)

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The reporting person received a grant of 5,363 restricted stock units on March 1, 2017, subject to stockholder approval of the AutoNation, Inc. 2017 Employee Equity and Incentive Plan, which was obtained on April 19, 2017. The restricted stock units vest in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of March 1, 2017, subject to continued employment through the applicable vesting date. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AutoNation common stock, or at AutoNation's election, the cash value thereof.

- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AutoNation common stock, or at AutoNation's election, the cash value thereof.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of March 1, 2018, subject to continued employment through the applicable vesting date.

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