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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT** PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date Of Report (Date Of Earliest Event Reported) August 21, 2014

AutoNation, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-13107 73-1105145 Delaware (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 200 SW 1st Ave Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (954) 769-6000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 21, 2014, Rick L. Burdick, a member of the Board of Directors of AutoNation, Inc. (the "Company"), entered into a written trading plan (the "10b5-1 Plan"), in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the Company's insider trading policy, to exercise options to acquire 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), and to sell the shares of Common Stock acquired upon exercise of such options. Under the 10b5-1 Plan, the options will be exercised and shares will be sold, in one or more transactions, if the market price of the Common Stock reaches or exceeds certain minimum price thresholds specified in the 10b5-1 Plan. As of August 22, 2014, Mr. Burdick has exceeded the level of Common Stock ownership required under the Company's director stock ownership guidelines, and the sale by Mr. Burdick of the shares of the Company's common stock underlying the unexercised stock options covered by the 10b5-1 Plan would not impact his compliance with such guidelines. The 10b5-1 Plan is scheduled to terminate on February 27, 2015 (or sooner under certain circumstances including a sale of all 20,000 shares under the plan). The transactions executed in accordance with the 10b5-1 Plan will be disclosed publicly through one or more Form 4 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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## **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.

AUTONATION, INC.

Date: August 22, 2014 By: /s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando

Jonathan P. Ferrando

Executive Vice President - General Counsel, Corporate

Development and Human Resources