AUTONATION INC /FL

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROWLEY WILLIAM C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AUTONATION INC /FL [AN]

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title 10% Owner

110 SE 6TH ST.- 20TH FLOOR

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006

below)

Other (specify

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) 1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4. TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V Expiration Title (A) (D) Date Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Stock Option Common $A_{-}^{(1)}$ 01/03/2006 01/03/2016 20,000 \$ 21.73 01/03/2006 20,000 (right to Stock buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROWLEY WILLIAM C 110 SE 6TH ST 20TH FLOOR FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301	X	X		

Signatures

William C.
Crowley

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/03/2006

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 stock options have been granted pursuant to the AutoNation, Inc. 1995 Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan and have a term of ten years, expiring on January 3, 2016.
- (2) N/A

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