

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC/MD  
Form 8-K  
March 08, 2012

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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):

March 8, 2012

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-34073

31-0724920

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio

43287

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

614-480-8300

Not Applicable

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 8, 2012, The Huntington National Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, sold \$1.3 billion of automobile loans and installment sales contracts to Huntington Auto Trust 2012-1, a newly formed statutory trust established by The Huntington National Bank, in a transaction that was accounted for as a sale under generally accepted accounting principles.

Huntington Auto Trust 2012-1 acquired the loans with proceeds of the issuance of \$1.3 billion of asset-backed notes in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The Huntington National Bank will service the loans on behalf of Huntington Auto Trust 2012-1.

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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.

*March 8, 2012*

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

By: */s/ Richard A. Cheap*

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*Name: Richard A. Cheap*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Secretary*