



**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 15, 2011, The Huntington National Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, sold \$1.0 billion of automobile loans and installment sales contracts to Huntington Auto Trust 2011-1, 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 2011-1 acquired the loans with proceeds of the issuance of \$1 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 2011-1.

**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.

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

*September 15, 2011*

By: */s/ Richard A. Cheap*  
*Name: Richard A. Cheap*  
*Title: Executive Vice President and Secretary*