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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): September 15, 2011**

**Huntington Bancshares Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Maryland</u> (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<u>1-34073</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>31-0724920</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<u>41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		<u>43287</u> (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 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.

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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.

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

*September 15, 2011*

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