

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GIBSON THOMAS R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [NYSE: ABG]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**810 MT. MORO ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/25/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**VILLANOVA, PA 19085**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)          | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 07/25/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 23,600  | A  | \$ 16.5   |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 07/25/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 23,600  | D  | \$ 21.1   |
| Common stock, par                        |                                      |  |                                |   | 33,840  | I  |   |
|  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | By the Gibson   |

value  
\$0.01 per  
share

Family  
Partnership,  
L.P. (1)

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 16.5  | 07/25/2006                           |  | M                              | 23,600  | <u>(2)</u> 12/03/2011                                    | Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share 23,600               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GIBSON THOMAS R<br>810 MT. MORO ROAD<br>VILLANOVA, PA 19085 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

Lynne A. Burgess,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/26/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person 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) These shares are held by the Gibson Family Partnership, L.P. Mr. Gibson is the General Partner of the Gibson Family Partnership, L.P. and thus has beneficial ownership of such shares.

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(2) The option vested in three equal installments beginning on December 3, 2002.

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