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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Style Keith	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) C/O ASBU GROUP, IN PARKWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2016					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
DULUTH,	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ow								ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	ities Acquired Disposed of (D) , 4 and 5) (A) or at (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/04/2016			M	1,861 (1)	A	\$ 0	32,263	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2016			F	621 (2)	D	\$ 60.37	31,642	D	

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 or 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
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/04/2016		A	5,583		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,583
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/04/2016		M		1,861	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,861

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Style Keith C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097

SVP, Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney
In-Fact
03/07/2016

**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) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015.
- (3) Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2016. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2015 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2016, an additional one-third vests on February 5, 2017 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2018.

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