

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 *
 CAPPS JOHN 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/01/2005

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

11830 OLIVE BOULEVARD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CREVE COEUR, MO 63171

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,000 | D | \$ 17 276,300 |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$ 17.03 276,100 |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 400 | D | \$ 17.06 275,700 |

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| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | <u>S⁽¹⁾</u> | 300 | D | \$ 17.1 | 275,400 | D |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | <u>S⁽¹⁾</u> | 100 | D | \$ 17.12 | 275,300 | D |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | <u>S⁽¹⁾</u> | 100 | D | \$ 17.15 | 275,200 | D |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | <u>S⁽¹⁾</u> | 1,700 | D | \$ 17.2 | 273,500 | D |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | <u>S⁽¹⁾</u> | 100 | D | \$ 17.23 | 273,400 | D |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | <u>S⁽¹⁾</u> | 600 | D | \$ 17.25 | 272,800 | D |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/01/2005 | <u>S⁽¹⁾</u> | 700 | D | \$ 17.3 | 272,100 | 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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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|------|---|-----|-----|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CAPPS JOHN R 11830 OLIVE BOULEVARD CREVE COEUR, MO 63171 | | X | | |

Signatures

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in-Fact | 08/03/2005 |
| **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) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 9, 2005.

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