

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)
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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 810 MT. MORO ROAD 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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