

Kearney Michael
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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 *
 Kearney Michael

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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & COO

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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DULUTH, GA 30097

(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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	6. Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/13/2012		M	13,963	A	\$ 3.64	167,627	D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/13/2012		S	13,963	D	\$ 26.5	153,664	D
Common stock, par	07/16/2012		M	879	A	\$ 3.64	154,543	D

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value \$.01
per share

Common
stock, par
value \$.01
per share

07/16/2012 S 879 D \$ 26.5 153,664 D

Common
stock, par
value \$.01
per share

07/17/2012 M 25,558 A \$ 3.64 179,222 D

Common
stock, par
value \$.01
per share

07/17/2012 S 25,558 D \$
26.55 153,664 D
(2)

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
Stock Option (employee right to buy)	\$ 3.64	07/13/2012		M	13,963	<u>(1)</u> 01/29/2019	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share 13,963
Stock Option (employee right to buy)	\$ 3.64	07/16/2012		M	879	<u>(1)</u> 01/29/2019	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share 879
Stock Option (employee right to buy)	\$ 3.64	07/17/2012		M	25,558	<u>(1)</u> 01/29/2019	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share 25,558

right to
buy)

\$.01 per
share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kearney Michael C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW DULUTH, GA 30097			EVP & COO	

Signatures

Michael S.
Kearney

07/17/2012

__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) Option vested in 3 equal installments on January 29, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 25,558 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of
- (2) \$26.50 to \$26.67 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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