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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)
02/15/2013

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

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300

(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

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) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | F | <u>(1)</u> 3,773 D \$ 36.08 | 104,891 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | F | <u>(2)</u> 3,301 D \$ 36.08 | 101,590 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | A | <u>(3)</u> 7,867 A \$ 0 | 109,457 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2013 | | F | <u>(4)</u> 3,773 D \$ 36.08 | 105,684 | D | |
| | 02/18/2013 | | F | D | 100,089 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock granted on February 15, 2011.

(2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock granted on February 15, 2012.

(3) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of the Issuer's common stock based on the Issuer's performance during the 2011 Period and the award granted to the Reporting Person as a result of such performance. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these performance shares the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. This transaction represents the vesting of the second tranche of this award.

(4) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on performance shares granted on February 15, 2011.

(5) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock granted on February 16, 2010.

(6) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of the Issuer's common stock based on the Issuer's performance during the 2010 Period and the award granted to the Reporting Person as a result of such performance. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these performance shares the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. This transaction represents the vesting of the third and final tranche of this award.

(7) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on performance shares granted on February 16, 2010.

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