

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
VP, Chief HR Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/03/2013

(Street)

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

DULUTH, GA 30097

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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	05/03/2013		A		4,467 (1)	A	\$ 0 29,525 D
Common Stock	05/03/2013		F		2,142 (2)	D	\$ 40.78 27,383 D
Common Stock	05/03/2013		F		3,335 (3)	D	\$ 40.78 24,048 D
Common Stock	05/03/2013		F		1,414 (3)	D	\$ 40.78 22,634 D

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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 (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR  
C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.  
2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300  
DULUTH, GA 30097

VP, Chief HR Officer

## Signatures

/s/ George A. Villasana, Attorney  
in Fact

05/07/2013

\_\_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 that vested in connection with an award of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in May 2010 for the performance period of fiscal year 2010 (the "2010 Period"). The actual number of performance share units that could be earned was contingent upon the achievement by the Issuer of certain performance goals set at the beginning of the 2010 Period. Each performance share unit earned converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock. For the 2010 Period, the Issuer achieved performance resulting in a payout of a number of shares of common stock equal to 134% of target and thus awarded the Reporting Person 13,400 shares of common stock. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these 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.

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- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on performance shares granted on May 3, 2010.
- (3) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock granted on May 3, 2010.

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