

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC  
 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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Chief HR Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 2,900 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 0 22,534 D                     |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2014                           |  | F                              |   | 968 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | \$ 49.26 21,566 D                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 2,297 <sup>(3)</sup>  | A  | \$ 0 23,863 D                     |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2014                           |  | F                              |   | 767 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  | \$ 49.26 23,096 D                 |
|                                 | 02/15/2014                           |  | F                              |   | 968 <sup>(5)</sup>  | D  | 22,128 D                          |

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|              |            |  |   |                |       |    |        |   |
|--------------|------------|--|---|----------------|-------|----|--------|---|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                | \$    |    |        |   |
|              |            |  |   |                | 49.26 |    |        |   |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2014 |  | F | 590 <u>(6)</u> | D     | \$ | 21,538 | D |
|              |            |  |   |                | 49.26 |    |        |   |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Share Units                    | <u>(7)</u>   | 02/15/2014                           |  | M                              | 2,900   | <u>(7)</u> <u>(7)</u>                                    | Common Stock par value \$0.01 per share                       | 2,900                         |
| Performance Share Units                    | <u>(8)</u>   | 02/15/2014                           |  | M                              | 2,297   | <u>(8)</u> <u>(8)</u>                                    | Common Stock par value \$0.01 per share                       | 2,297                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| PARHAM JOSEPH G JR<br>C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.<br>2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300<br>DULUTH, GA 30097 |               |           | VP, Chief HR Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ George A. Villasana, Attorney  
in Fact

02/19/2014

\_\_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 issued to Mr. Parham upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 15, 2011. This transaction represents the vesting of the third and final tranche of this award.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units granted to Mr. Parham on February 15, 2011.
- (3) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued to Mr. Parham upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 15, 2012. 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 upon the vesting of performance share units granted to Mr. Parham on February 15, 2012.
- (5) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock granted to Mr. Parham on February 15, 2011.
- (6) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock granted to Mr. Parham on February 15, 2012.

(7) Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock and was granted based upon the Issuer meeting certain performance objectives in the performance period of fiscal year 2011 (the "2011 Period"). One-third of the 8,700 performance share units granted to Mr. Parham on February 15, 2011 vested on March 13, 2012, an additional one-third vested on February 15, 2013 and the remaining one-third vested on February 15, 2014.

(8) Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock and was granted based upon the Issuer meeting certain performance objectives in the performance period of fiscal year 2012 (the "2012 Period"). One-third of the 6,890 performance share units granted to Mr. Parham vested on March 18, 2013, an additional one-third vested on February 15, 2014 and the remaining one-third will vest on February 15, 2015. In order for the remaining performance share units to vest on February 15, 2015, Mr. Parham must be an employee of the Issuer on such date.

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