

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR
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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)
02/15/2012

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

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PKWY 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 (A) or (D) Price		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/15/2012		A		5,300 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 36,534 D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/15/2012		F		942 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 0 35,592 D

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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Darlene Quashie,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/17/2012

**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) The reporting person was granted restricted stock under the Issuer's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted stock will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2013.
- (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, 2011.

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