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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC Form 4 February 09, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Style Keith Issuer Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [ABG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE 02/05/2016 SVP, Chief Financial Officer GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **DULUTH, GA 30097** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 11,564 02/05/2016 \$0 D A 28,987 А (1)Stock Common 2,652 02/05/2016 Α \$0 31.639 D Μ (2)Stock Common F 296 (3) D D 02/05/2016 31,343 46.7 Stock Common 472 (4) F D 02/05/2016 30,871 D 46.7 Stock 02/05/2016 F 874 (5) D 29,997 D

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Common
Stock

\$ 46.7

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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number tionof Derivative Securities) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		of DerivativeExpiration DateSecurities(Month/Day/Year)Acquired(A) orDisposed of(D)(Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D S (I
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Performance Share Units	<u>(6)</u>	02/05/2016	М		2,652	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	2,652	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Style Keith C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW DULUTH, GA 30097			SVP, Chief Financial Officer					
Signatures								
/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney In-Fact	02/09/2016							

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Date

(1) Represents grant of restricted stock award. Vesting will occur in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(2)

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Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2014. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.

- (3) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 5, 2015.
- (4) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 5, 2014.
- (5) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units, granted on February 5, 2014.

Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2015. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting.

(6) as having been net on March 4, 2015. Each performance share difficult on vesting.
 (6) One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2014 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2015, an additional one-third vests on February 5, 2016 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2017.

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