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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Karolis Geo	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)  C/O ASBU: GROUP, IN PARKWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2016						Director 10% Owner Symbol Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate					
(Street) 4. If Amer				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Noi	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Date 2A. Deemed			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	ant of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect ally (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) dition(s)		
Common Stock	02/20/2016			M		1,125 (1)	A	\$ 0	7,476	D		
Common Stock	02/20/2016			F		376 (2)	D	\$ 51.62	7,100	D		
Common	02/20/2016			F		279 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 51.62	6,821	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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 I S (	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Performance Share Units	<u>(4)</u>	02/20/2016		M	1,125	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,125		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Karolis George C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097

SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate

### **Signatures**

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney
In-Fact

02/23/2016

\*\*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 upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 20, 2013. 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 on February 20, 2013.
- (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 20, 2013.
- (4) 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, 2014. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 20, 2013 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which

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occurred on March 4, 2014, an additional one-third vested on February 20, 2015 and the remaining one-third vested on February 20,2016. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.