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Form 4 March 07, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stax William Frederick

(First)

(State)

03/04/2016

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

(Check all applicable)

Controller & CAO

INC [ABG]

03/04/2016

(Middle)

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

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DULUTH, GA 30097

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

155 (1) \$0 2,355 D M

Common 03/04/2016 Stock

60 (2) F

2,295

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/04/2016		A	466		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	466
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/04/2016		M		155	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	155

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Stax William Frederick							
C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.			Controller				
2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300			& CAO				
DULUTH, GA 30097							

Signatures

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

**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 5, 2015. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third 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 5, 2015.
- 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, 2016. 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 5, 2015 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2016, an additional one-third vests on February 5, 2017 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2018.

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