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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BUDDY HUTCHINSON CARS INC	2. Date of Event Requiring Stater (Month/Day/Year 03/13/2002	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC</u> [ NYSE: ABG ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5100 SUNBEAM ROAD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
SUITE 1			Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)	· [0.	plicable Line)	t/Group Filing (Check	
(Street) JACKSONVILLE FL 32257							y More than One	
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		cṫ(D)   (Ins	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share			403,369(1)	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned           (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
Exp		cisable and ate Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	rcise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiratior Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Buddy Hutchinson Cars, Inc. could be deemed to be part of a group as defined in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act that owns approximately 79% of the outstanding common stock of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. based on voting arrangements in a shareholders agreement. Buddy Hutchinson Cars, Inc. expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. beneficially owned by all other parties to the shareholders agreement.

## **Remarks:**

Buddy Hutchinson, President, Buddy Hutchinson Cars, Inc.

02/17/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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