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| FORM 3 | UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549 | OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0104 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5 |
| INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | |
| (Print or Type Responses) | | |

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Torda James (Last) (First) (Middle) 3600 West Airport Freeway (Street) Irving Texas 75062 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 3/13/02 | 4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. [NYSE: ABG] | 6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give Below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify title below) | |
| Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 76,835 ⁽¹⁾ | (D) | |
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⁽¹⁾ James Torda could be deemed to be part of a group as defined in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act that owns approximately 78.8% of the outstanding common stock of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. based on voting arrangements in a shareholders agreement. James Torda expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. beneficially owned by all other parties to the shareholders agreement. 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).

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Table II — Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable* | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Options on Common Stock | 3/13/03 | 3/13/12 | Common Stock | 4,040.33 | \$16.50 | (D) | |
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Explanation of Responses:
 * Vesting 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 each year. The first 1/3 vest date is listed here.

 /s/ James J. Torda
 **Signature of Reporting Person

 4/5/03
 Date

** 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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