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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BUDDY HUTCHINSON CARS INC | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC NYSE: ABG] | | | | | | | | | | all app | p of Reportin blicable) ctor er (give title | g Per | ₹ 10% C | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5100 SUNBEAM ROAD SUITE 1 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/27/2004 | | | | | | | | | | | belov | | | below) | | |
| (Street) JACKSONVILLE FL 32257 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Nor | n-Deriv | ative | Se | curitie | s Acc | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or | Ben | eficia | ally (| Owne | ed | | | |
| Date | | | | Date | (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (| Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | l and Secur Benef | | ities Ficially (I d Following (I | | wnership m: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A (E | A) or D) | Price | | Transa | ansaction(s) estr. 3 and 4) | | | (|
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | 12/27 | 12/27/2004 | | | | S | | 1,300 | | D \$13 | | 3.99 209,069 | | 09,069 | | D | |
| | 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) | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | Date, | ate, Transaction Code (Instr. | | of E | | Expiratio | s. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | ice of vative irity r. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | Co | | Code | v | (A) (D) Date Exerc | | | Expiration Date | | Numbe of Title Shares | | | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

<u>Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in-</u> <u>Fact</u> <u>12/28/2004</u>

** 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 4 (b)(v).
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