

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to
Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue. See
Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PARHAM JOSEPH G JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.</u> <u>2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300</u> (Street) <u>DULUTH</u> <u>GA</u> <u>30097</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC</u> [<u>ABG</u>] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/03/2012</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP, Chief HR Officer</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/03/2012		F		1,415 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$0	34,177	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/03/2012		M		4,467	A	\$0	38,644	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/03/2012		F		1,897	D	\$0	36,747	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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	(2)	05/03/2012		M			4,467	(2)	(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	4,467	\$0	10,267	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents the number of shares of Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock that vested on May 3, 2012.

2. Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of the Issuer's common stock based on the Issuer's performance during the 2010 Period and the award granted to the Reporting Person as a result of such performance. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these performance shares on the second and third anniversaries of the grant date, the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on such dates. This transaction represents the vesting of the second tranche of this award.

Remarks:

George A. Villasana, Attorney-in-Fact 05/07/2012

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Joseph G. Parham, Jr., hereby appoint George A. Villasana of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (the "Company"), my attorney-in-fact to:

1. execute on my behalf, Forms 3, 4 and 5 (the "Form" or "Forms") in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, which execution may include the insertion of my typed name on the signature line of any Form;
2. perform any and all acts on my behalf which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any Form and timely file such Form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
3. take any other action in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorneys-in-fact may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by me, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorneys-in-fact on my behalf pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorneys-in-fact may approve in their discretion.

I grant to the attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any act necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present. I ratify and confirm all that such attorneys-in-fact shall lawfully do by the rights and powers granted by this Power of Attorney. The attorneys-in-fact shall have full power of substitution or revocation.

I acknowledge that the attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at my request, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until I am no longer required to file the Forms with respect to my holding of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless I earlier revoke it in writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

By: _____

Name: Joseph G. Parham, Jr.

Date: _____, 2012

