

FORM 3

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Johnson Phillip R.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3 Landmark Square, Suite 500

(Street)
Stamford CT 06901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

3/13/02

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. [NYSE:ABG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice President - Human Resources

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	5,171 shares of common stock	Direct (D)	

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Options		12/06	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	15,517	\$12.89	Direct (D)	N/A
		12/06	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12,121	\$16.50	Direct (D)	N/A

/s/ Phillip R. Johnson

 **Signature of Reporting Person

March 13, 2002

 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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