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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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BUDDY I	ddress of Reporting F HUTCHINSON (First)		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC</u> [ NYSE: ABG ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5100 SUNBEAM ROAD SUITE 1 (Street) JACKSONVILLE FL 32257		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2004	
		32257	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

#### 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. Transa Code ( 8)		Disposed Of (	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11501 4)	
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/22/2004		S		21,200	D	<b>\$13.99</b>	291,169	D	

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

#### Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in-12/23/2004

<u>Fact</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).

\*\* 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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