FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHILDS &amp; ASSOCIATES INC</u>		2. Date of Event Requiring Staten Month/Day/Yea	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ ABG ]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/13/2002		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street)	(State)	(Zip)			Director X  Officer (give title below)	10% Owne Other (spe below)	cify 6. Ir	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Persor Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
				eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share				152,930 <sup>(1)</sup>	D					
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. Conversion or Exercise	se Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Childs & Associates Inc. could be deemed to be part of a group as defined in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act that owns approximately 79% of the outstanding common stock of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. based on voting arrangements in a shareholders agreement. Childs & Associates Inc. expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. beneficially owned by all other parties to the shareholders agreement.

Michael S. Kearney 03/26/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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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