FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Own				
(Last) 5100 SUITE 1		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2004											fficer (give title elow)		Other ( below)	(specify				
(Street)  JACKSONVILLE FL 32257  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ay/Year) Execut		A. Deemed execution Date, fany Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			nd Se Be Ow	Amount of curities neficially rned Following ported	For (D)	Ownership rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Tra	nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4)			(msu. 4)			
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share 12/23/2									S		80,800	0 D \$		\$13	.99	210,369		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 Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) i					Transaction Code (Instr.		of		6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)	derivative Securities	,	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Nur of	ount nber ires						

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in12/27/2004 Fact

\*\* 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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