

FORM 4

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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CLARKE JANET M</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>08/03/2012</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  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	08/03/2012		M		5,000	A	\$14.06	41,963	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	08/03/2012		S		10,000	D	\$26.62 <sup>(1)</sup>	31,963	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.06	08/03/2012		M			5,000	(2)	05/08/2015	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	5,000	\$0	0	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 10,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of \$26.38 to 26.89 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
2. The reporting person was granted a stock option to purchase 5,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock on May 9, 2005, which stock option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

Remarks:

Janet M. Clarke 08/07/2012  
\*\* 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).

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