FORM 4

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BUDDY HUTCHINSON CARS INC</u>					AS	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC NYSE: ABG ]									theck all ap Dire	ctor	X 1	0% Owner	
(Last) 5100 SUI SUITE 1	00 SUNBEAM ROAD				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2005									Offi belo	cer (give title w)		ther (specify elow)		
(Street)  JACKSO  (City)	NVILLE F		32257 (Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) X For For				
		Tabl	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Acq	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, or I	Bene	ficia	ally Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		r) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		Disposed	ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			d Secu Bene	ficially ed Following	6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indi (I) (Instr. 4	ct of Indire ect Benefici Ownersh	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price	Trans	action(s) . 3 and 4)		(1130.4)	,	
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		3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Benefici  D) Ownersl  ect (Instr. 4)	ect cial ship	
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber						

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in-<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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