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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
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| Stax William Frederick<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.<br>2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300<br>(Street)<br>DULUTH GA 30097<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ ABG ]<br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/04/2016<br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Director — 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below)<br>Controller & CAO<br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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. 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 | 03/04/2016 | | M | | 155[1] | A | $0 | 2,355 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2016 | | F | | 60[2] | D | $60.37 | 2,295 | 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Performance Share Units | (3) | 03/04/2016 | | A | | 466 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 466 | $0 | 466 | D | |
| Performance Share Units | (3) | 03/04/2016 | | M | | | 155 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 155 | $0 | 311 | D | |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.

2. Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015.

3. Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2016. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2015 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2016, an additional one-third vests on February 5, 2017 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2018.

**Remarks:**

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney In-Fact — 03/07/2016

** 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).

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