

Sawicki Michael
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sawicki Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Controller & CAO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/D ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2012

DULUTH, GA 30097
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/15/2012		A		1,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0 7,083 D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/15/2012		F		202 ⁽³⁾	D	\$ 0 6,881 D
Common stock, par	02/16/2012		M		3,334	A	\$ 3.65 10,215 D

value \$.01
per share

Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/16/2012	S	3,334	D	\$ 26.11 <u>(2)</u>	6,881	D
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.65	02/15/2012		M	3,334	<u>(4)</u> 11/21/2018	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	3,334

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sawicki Michael C/D ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW DULUTH, GA 30097			Controller & CAO	

Signatures

Darlene Quashie,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2012

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) The reporting person was granted restricted stock under the Issuer's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted stock will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2013.

(2) Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 3,334 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of \$26.08 to 26.14 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.

(3) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock granted on February 15, 2011.

(4) The reporting person was granted a stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock on November 21, 2008, which stock option vested in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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