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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A MONAGH.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) C/O ASBU GROUP, IN	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2014					X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO				
DULUTH,	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I) Derivative	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Day (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/04/2014			M	17,361 (1)	A	\$0	205,695	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2014			F	8,325 (2)	D	\$ 53.13	197,370	D	

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 ctionDerivative Securities Acquired (b) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numb of Sh
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/04/2014		A	52,083		(3)	(3)	Common Stock par value \$.01 per share	52,0
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/04/2014		M		17,361	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock par value \$.01 per share	17,3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MONAGHAN CRAIG T C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH GA 30097	X		President & CEO			

Signatures

/s/ George A. Villasana, Attorney
in Fact

03/06/2014

**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) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued to Mr. Monaghan upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 20, 2013. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of the 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, and the conversion of such units into shares of the Issuer's common stock, granted to Mr. Monaghan on February 20, 2013.
- (3) Represents grant of performance share units that was contingent upon the issuers meeting certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2014. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted to Mr. Monaghan on February 20, 2013 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2014, an additional one-third vests on February 20, 2015 and

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the remaining one-third vests on February 20, 2016.

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