

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FS EQUITY PARTNERS III LP

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/29/2006

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO., 11100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1900

(Street)

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 20025

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/29/2006 | | S | | 66,985 | D | \$ 17.67 (1) |
| | | | | | 2,284,376 | I | |

By Asbury Automotive Holdings LLC (2) (3)

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(2) "Partnership"), which holds a membership interest in Asbury LLC. FS Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership, (the "General Partner"), is the sole general partner of the Partnership. FS Holdings, Inc., a California corporation ("Holdings Corp."), is the sole general partner of the General Partner. Each of the General Partner and Holdings Corp. disclaim beneficial ownership of the FS Shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

John M. Roth is a director of both Asbury LLC and Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Mr. Roth is an officer, director and shareholder of

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