

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

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)  
VP, Chief HR Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/03/2012

(Street)

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

DULUTH, GA 30097

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/03/2012		F		1,415 (1)	D	\$ 0 34,177 D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/03/2012		M		4,467	A	\$ 0 38,644 D
Common Stock, par	05/03/2012		F		1,897	D	\$ 0 36,747 D

value \$.01  
per share

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. Price or Deriv. Secur. (Instr. 3)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	(2)	05/03/2012		M	4,467	(2)	(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	4,467	\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097			VP, Chief HR Officer	

## Signatures

George A. Villasana,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/07/2012

\*\*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) Represents the number of shares of Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock that vested on May 3, 2012.

(2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of the Issuer's common stock based on the Issuer's performance during the 2010 Period and the award granted to the Reporting Person as a result of such performance. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these performance shares on the second and third anniversaries of the grant date, the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on such dates. This transaction represents the vesting of the second tranche of this award.

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