

Sawicki Michael
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FORM 4

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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/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/18/2013

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
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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	03/18/2013		A	650 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	5,233	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2013		F	217 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 37.19	5,016	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)

Table with 9 columns: 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5). Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Relationships sub-columns include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Entry for Sawicki Michael, C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300, DULUTH, GA 30097, with relationship Controller & CAO.

Signatures

/s/ George A. Villasana, Attorney in Fact 03/20/2013
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 that vested in connection with an award of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in February 2012 for the performance period of fiscal year 2012 (the "2012 Period"). The actual number of performance share units that could be earned was contingent upon the achievement by the Issuer of certain performance goals set at the beginning of the 2012 Period. Each performance share unit earned converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock. For the 2012 Period, the Issuer achieved performance resulting in a payout of a number of shares of common stock equal to 130% of target and thus awarded the Reporting Person 1,950 shares of common stock. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these shares, the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. This transaction represents the vesting of the first tranche of this award.
(2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on performance shares granted on February 15, 2012.

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