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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person BUDDY HUTCHINSON CARS INC | | | 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) 5100 SUNBE | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004 | DirectorX 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| JACKSONVII | (Street) LLE, FL 32 | 2257 | 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) | Table I Non Desirative Securities Ass | reison | | | |

| JACKSONVILLE, FL 322 | 57 | |
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| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|---|---|---|--|--|--------|--|--|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| _ | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 12/15/2004 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 14.02 | 359,369 | D | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 12/15/2004 | | S | 9,600 | D | \$ 13.99 | 349,769 | D | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 12/15/2004 | | S | 18,300 | D | \$ 14 | 331,469 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | ٩ |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | J |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | ying | Security | , |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ties | (Instr. 5) |] |
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| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | J |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | J |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | 7 |
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| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUDDY HUTCHINSON CARS INC 5100 SUNBEAM ROAD SUITE 1 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257

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Signatures

Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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).

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