

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC

Form 4

February 24, 2015

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Kearney Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DULUTH, GA 30097

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP  
INC [ABG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/20/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
EVP

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

**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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/20/2015		M	(A) or (D) Amount 13,892 (1)	A \$ 0 39,422	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2015		F	(A) or (D) Amount 5,828 (2)	D \$ 78.87 33,594	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2015		F	(A) or (D) Amount 2,878 (3)	D \$ 78.87 30,716	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 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	(4)	02/20/2015		M	13,892	(4) (4)	Common Stock Par Value \$.01 per share 13,892

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Kearney Michael C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097	X EVP

## Signatures

/s/ George A. Villasana, Attorney  
in Fact 02/24/2015

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 20, 2013. This transaction represents the vesting of the second and final tranche of this award.
- Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 20, 2013.
- Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of shares of restricted stock granted on February 20, 2013.
- Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met 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.

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One-half of the performance share units granted on February 20, 2013 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2014, and the second and final half vested on February 20, 2015.

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