

Kearney Michael
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Kearney Michael (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., Â 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300 (Street) DULUTH, Â GA Â 30097 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2009 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP & Chief Operating Officer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 63,778 | D | Â |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 10,000 <u>(1)</u> | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small> | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Employee Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 03/13/2012 | Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 60,606 | \$ 16.5 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Employee Right to Buy) | Â (3) | 06/07/2014 | Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 50,000 | \$ 14.33 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Employee Right to Buy) | Â (4) | 01/29/2019 | Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 100,000 | \$ 3.64 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kearney Michael C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097 | Â | Â | Â SVP & Chief Operating Officer | Â |

Signatures

Michael
Kearney

03/20/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The reporting person was granted restricted stock under the Issuer's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. The restricted stock vests in three equal installment beginning on February 6, 2009.
 - (2) The option vested in three equal installments on March 13, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
 - (3) The option vested in three equal installments on June 7, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (4) The option will vest in three equal installments beginning on January 29, 2010.

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