

Kearney 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 *
Kearney 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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/27/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & COO

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

(Street)

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

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

DULUTH, GA 30097

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/27/2011		M		60,606	A	\$ 16.5 219,768
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/27/2011		S		60,606	D	\$ 21.1015 159,162
Common stock, par	07/27/2011		S		29,932	D	\$ 21.0819 129,230

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value \$.01
per share

(2)

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
Stock option (employee right to buy)	\$ 16.5	07/27/2011		M	60,606	<u>(3)</u> 03/13/2012	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	60,606	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Darlene Quashie,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/29/2011

__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 weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 60,606 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of \$20.6201 and \$21.59 by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the

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Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 29,932 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of
- (2) \$20.62 and \$21.41 by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
 - (3) The option became exercisable in three annual installments beginning on March 13, 2003.

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