JORDAN VERNON E JR

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FORM 4

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JORDAN VERNON E JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [NYSE: ABG]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

05/09/2005

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O LAZARD FRERES & CO LLC, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA 62ND FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Ame Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		An or No of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.06	05/09/2005		A	5,000	05/09/2006 <u>(1)</u>	05/09/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JORDAN VERNON E JR C/O LAZARD FRERES & CO LLC 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA 62ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10020



Signatures

Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in-Fact 05/11/2005

**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) 1/3 of the derivative securities set forth in column 5 vest on each of the first three anniversary dates of the grant beginning on 05/09/2006. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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