PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PARHAM JOSEPH G JR Issuer Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [ABG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE 05/03/2011 VP, Chief HR Officer GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **DULUTH, GA 30097** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount

4,466

1.450

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32,084

30,634

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Reporting Owners

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

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300 **DULUTH, GA 30097**

VP, Chief HR Officer

Signatures

Darlene Quashie, Attorney-in-fact

05/05/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

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These shares of the Issuer's common stock were awarded by the Issuer to the Reporting Person as settlement of certain non-derivative performance shares that were granted for the performance period of fiscal year 2010 (the "2010 Period"). Each performance share converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock and the vesting of such performance shares are contingent upon the Issuer meeting certain performance objectives over the 2010 Period. Had the Issuer achieved 100% of its performance goals for the 2010 Period, the Reporting Person would have received 10,000 shares. The Issuer achieved 134% of its targeted performance goals for the 2010 Period and thus awarded the Reporting Person 13,400 shares of its common stock, representing 134% of the targeted amount. One-third of the performance shares under this performance share award vested as of the grant date, with the remaining two-thirds of the shares vesting on the second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

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