

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR  
Form 4  
May 07, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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Form 4 or  
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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 \*  
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/03/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, Chief HR Officer

(Street)

DULUTH, GA 30097

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

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

(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)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/03/2012		F	1,415 (1) D	\$ 0 34,177	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/03/2012		M	4,467 A	\$ 0 38,644	D	
Common Stock, par	05/03/2012		F	1,897 D	\$ 0 36,747	D	

value \$.01  
per share

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)		8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	(2)	05/03/2012		M		4,467		(2)	(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	4,467	\$

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

VP, Chief HR Officer

## Signatures

George A. Villasana,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/07/2012

\_\_\_\_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 number of shares of Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock that vested on May 3, 2012.

(2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of the Issuer's common stock based on the Issuer's performance during the 2010 Period and the award granted to the Reporting Person as a result of such performance. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these performance shares on the second and third anniversaries of the grant date, the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on such dates. This transaction represents the vesting of the second tranche of this award.

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