MONAGHAN CRAIG T

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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Departing De

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MONAGHAN CRAIG T			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) 07/30/2012					X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO			
Fi				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			
DULUTH,	GA 30097						Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	ity (Month/Day/Year) Execution		n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			l of (D) 5)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownersh Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/30/2012			Code V M	Amount 50,000	(D)	Price \$ 3.64	331,281	D		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/30/2012			S	45,000	D	\$ 26.21 (1)	286,281	D		
Common stock, par	07/31/2012			M	50,000	A	\$ 3.64	336,281	D		

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value \$.01 per share							
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/31/2012	S	45,000	D	\$ 26.17 (2)	291,281	D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	08/01/2012	M	50,000	A	\$ 3.64	341,281	D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	08/01/2012	S	6,600	D	\$ 26.12 (3)	334,681	D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	08/01/2012	S	38,400	D	\$ 25.41 (4)	296,281	D

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Security				(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (employee right to buy)	\$ 3.64	07/30/2012		M	50,000	<u>(5)</u>	01/29/2019	Common Stock	50,000
Stock option (employee right to	\$ 3.64	07/31/2012		M	50,000	(5)	01/29/2019	Common Stock	50,000

buy)

Stock

option (employee \$ 3.64 08/01/2012 M 50,000 (5) 01/29/2019 Common Stock 50,000

buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MONAGHAN CRAIG T C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097

X President & CEO

Signatures

Craig T. 08/01/2012 Monaghan

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- Repesents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 45,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of (1) \$26.02 to \$26.67 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Repesents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 45,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of (2) \$26.00 to \$26.34 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Repesents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 6,600 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of \$26.00 to \$26.39 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Repesents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 38,400 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of (4) \$25.08 to \$25.94 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (5) The options vested in three equal installments on January 29, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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