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## FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Villasana George A Sy			Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]					Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			f Earliest Transaction  Day/Year)				Director 10% Owner SVP, GC & Secretary				
DULUTH, (	(Street)	000	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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Aco	Person quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3.	4. Securities Acquired saction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			_	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (D) or Indirect Indirect (I) Indirect Indi			
Common Stock	02/05/2018			F	221 (1)		\$ 65.6	15,357	D		
Common Stock	02/05/2018			F	694 (2)	D	\$ 65.6	14,663	D		
Common Stock	02/05/2018			M	1,582 (3)	A	\$0	16,245	D		
Common Stock	02/05/2018			M	2,698 (4)	A	\$0	18,943	D		
	02/05/2018			M		A	\$0	20,084	D		

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Common Stock			1,141 (5)			
Common Stock	02/05/2018	F	481 <u>(6)</u> D	\$ 65.6	19,603	D
Common Stock	02/05/2018	F	819 <u>(7)</u> D	\$ 65.6	18,784	D
Common Stock	02/05/2018	F	347 (7) D	\$ 65.6	18,437	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 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	<u>(8)</u>	02/05/2018		M	1,582	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	1,582
Performance Share Units	<u>(9)</u>	02/05/2018		M	2,698	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	2,698
Performance Share Units	(10)	02/05/2018		M	1,141	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	1,141

# **Reporting Owners**

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

Villasana George A C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 **DULUTH, GA 30097** 

SVP, GC & Secretary

2 Reporting Owners

## **Signatures**

/s/George A. Villasana 02/07/2018

\*\*Signature of
Reporting Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- \*\* 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 the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 5, 2015.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 5, 2016.
- (3) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (4) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2016. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (5) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2016. This transaction represents the vesting of 14.8% of this award.
- Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units, and the conversion of such units into shares of the Issuer's common stock, granted on February 5, 2015.
- (7) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units, and the conversion of such units into shares of the Issuer's common stock, granted on February 5, 2016.
  - Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2016. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon
- (8) vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2015 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2016, an additional one-third vested on February 5, 2017 and the remaining one-third vested on February 5, 2018.
  - Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 6, 2017. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon
- (9) vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2016 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 6, 2017, an additional one-third vested on February 5, 2018 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2019.
  - Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on January 24, 2017. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock
- (10) upon vesting. The performance share units granted on February 5, 2016 vest on each anniversary of the grant date over a five year period as follows: 14.8% vested on February 5, 2017; 14.8% vested on February 5, 2018; 14.8% vests on February 5, 2019; 27.8% vests on February 5, 2020; and 27.8% vests on February 5, 2021.

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