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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Karolis George

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

INC [ABG]

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/06/2017

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate

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

(State)

(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

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

DULUTH, GA 30097

(City)

Common

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(Zip)

(Middle)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Code V (D) Price Amount

1,349 \$0 M

(A)

03/06/2017 8,276 D Stock Common 450 (2) D 03/06/2017 F 7,826 D Stock

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 onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/06/2017		A	4,046		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	4,046 (3)
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/06/2017		M		1,349	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,349 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate

Signatures

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney
In-Fact
03/08/2017

**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 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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 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 vests on February 5, 2018 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2019.

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