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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stax William Frederick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]

(Check all applicable)

Controller & CAO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE

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

02/05/2016

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300

> 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

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership

Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 02/05/2016 803 (1) \$0 D Α 1,856 Stock Common 02/05/2016 152 ⁽²⁾ A \$0 M 2,008 D Stock

Common 02/05/2016 F 59 (3) D 1,949 D Stock

Common F 42 (4) D 02/05/2016 1,907 D Stock 41 (5) 02/05/2016 F D 1,866 D (Instr. 4)

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Common \$ Stock 46.7

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Expiration I (Month/Day | 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>(6)</u> | 02/05/2016 | | M | 152 | (6) | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 152 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Keiauonsnips | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |

Director 10% Owner Officer

Stax William Frederick

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. Controller 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 & CAO **DULUTH, GA 30097**

Signatures

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney 02/09/2016 In-Fact

> **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).

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Represents grant of restricted stock award. Vesting will occur in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2014. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (3) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units, granted on February 5, 2014.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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, 2014.
- Represents unvested Performance Share Units granted to the Reporting Person on February 5, 2014. Each performance share unit (6) converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. Such units will vest in equal amounts on February 5, 2016, February 5, 2017 and February 5, 2018.

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