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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Villasana George A Issuer Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [ABG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE 03/04/2014 VP, GC and Secretary GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 (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 **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 Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 2,700 03/04/2014 \$0 21,199 D M (1) Stock Common 901 (2) D 03/04/2014 F 20,298 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 orDerivative 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)	03/04/2014		A	8,100		(3)	(3)	Common Stock Par Value \$.01 per share	8,100
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/04/2014		M		2,700	(3)	(3)	Common Stock Par Value \$.01 per share	2,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

VP, GC and Secretary

Signatures

/s/ George A. Villasana 03/06/2014

**Signature of Reporting Date
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).
- (1) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued to Mr. Villasana upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 20, 2013. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of the 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 to Mr. Villasana on February 20, 2013.

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Represents grant of performance share units that was contingent upon the issuers meeting certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2014. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted to Mr. Villasana on February 20, 2013 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2014, an additional one-third vests on February 20, 2015 and the remaining one-third vests on February 20, 2016.

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