

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MSD CAPITAL L P

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)
 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR,
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/08/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2017 | | A | 1,676 (1) A \$ 0 | 4,929 | I | See footnotes (2) (3) (4) (5) |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2017 | | F | 671 D \$ 65.65 | 4,258 | I | See footnotes (2) (3) (4) (5) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,000,696 | D (2) (3) (4) (5) | |

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 Derivative 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MSD CAPITAL L P 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | X | | |
| MSD SBI LP 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | X | | |
| DELL MICHAEL S C/O DELL INC ONE DELL WAY ROUND ROCK, TX 78682 | | | X | |

Signatures

MSD Capital, L.P. By: MSD Capital Management LLC Its: General Partner By: /s/ Marc R. Lisker Name: Marc R. Lisker Title: Manager 02/10/2017
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

MSD SBI, L.P. By: MSD Capital, L.P. Its: General Partner By: MSD Capital Management LLC Its: General Partner By: /s/ Marc R. Lisker Name: Marc R. Lisker Title: Manager 02/10/2017
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Michael S. Dell By: /s/ Marc R. Lisker Name: Marc R. Lisker Title: Attorney-in-Fact 02/10/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) On February 8, 2017, the issuer granted to Joel Alsfine, a partner in MSD Capital, L.P. ("MSD Capital"), 1,676 shares of common stock pursuant to the company's director compensation program. The common stock vested immediately upon grant.

- (2) Each reporting person states that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that such person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement. Each reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities covered by this statement, except to the extent of the pecuniary interest of such person in such securities.

- (3) Each reporting person may be deemed to be a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer for purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act. Each reporting person declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer.

- (4) This statement is jointly filed by and on behalf of each of MSD Capital, L.P., MSD SBI, L.P. ("MSD SBI") and Michael S. Dell. MSD Capital is the general partner of MSD SBI and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD SBI. MSD Capital Management LLC ("MSD Capital Management") is the general partner of MSD Capital and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital. Each of Glenn R. Fuhrman, John C. Phelan, and Marc R. Lisker is a manager of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. Michael S. Dell is the controlling member of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. [footnote cont'd]

- (5) [continuation] Each of Messrs. Dell, Fuhrman, Phelan, and Lisker disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. Mr. Alsfine who is a partner in MSD Capital, was appointed to the Issuer's board of directors and each reporting person may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by Mr. Alsfine.

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