

Kearney Michael
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Kearney Michael

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & COO

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DULUTH, GA 30097

(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, par value \$.01 per share	02/15/2012		A		20,650 ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0 149,880	D	
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/15/2012		F		2,553 ⁽²⁾ \$ 0 147,327	D	
Common stock, par	02/15/2012		M		50,000 A \$ 14.33 197,327	D	

value \$.01
per share

Common
stock, par
value \$.01
per share

02/15/2012

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50,000 D

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25.46

147,327

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(3)

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (employee right to buy)	\$ 14.33	02/15/2012		M	50,000	<u>(4)</u> 06/07/2014	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share 50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kearney Michael
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2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW
DULUTH, GA 30097

EVP &
COO

Signatures

Darlene Quashie,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/17/2012

__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) The reporting person was granted restricted stock under the Issuer's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan. The restricted stock will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 15, 2013.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on shares of restricted stock granted on February 15, 2011.
Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 50,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of
(3) \$25.23 to \$26.61 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) The reporting person was granted a stock option to purchase 50,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock on June 7, 2004, which stock option vested in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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