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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hanlon Bryan			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
GROUP, IN	(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) RY AUTOMOTIVE 12/02/2009 IC., 2905 PREMIERE 7, SUITE 300					Director 10% Owner Section Other (specify below) Controller & CAO					
DULUTH,	(Street) GA 30097		Filed(Month/Day/Year)  Ap _X					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-I	) Perivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction E (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	12/02/2009			M	6,666	D		7,116	D		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	12/02/2009			S	4,266	D	\$ 11.16	2,850	D		
Common stock, par	12/02/2009			S	900	D	\$ 11.17	1,950	D		

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value \$.01 per share						
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	12/02/2009	S	100	D	\$ 11.19 1,850	D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	12/02/2009	S	1,200	D	\$ 11.2 650	D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	12/02/2009	S	200	D	\$ 11.22 450	D

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 3.65	12/02/2009		M	6,666	<u>(1)</u>	11/21/2018	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	

# **Reporting Owners**

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

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Hanlon Bryan C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097

Controller & CAO

### **Signatures**

Darlene Quashie, Attorney-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).
- (1) The reporting person was granted a stock option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock on November 21, 2008, with the first installment of three equal vesting installments becoming exercisable on November 21, 2009.

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