

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 JOHNSON PHILLIP R

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)  
 C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 622 THIRD AVENUE, 37TH FLOOR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/30/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President, HR

NEW YORK, NY 10017  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 01/30/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 6,250<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 0 18,250 D                     |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 01/30/2008                           |  | F                              |   | 2,395   | D  | \$ 13.26 15,855 D                 |

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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| JOHNSON PHILLIP R<br>C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.<br>622 THIRD AVENUE, 37TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 |               |           | Vice President, HR |       |

## Signatures

Lynne A. Burgess,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/31/2008

\*\*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).
- These shares of the Issuer's common stock were awarded by the Issuer to the reporting person as settlement of certain non-derivative performance units that were granted for the performance period of fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007 (the "Period"). Each performance unit would convert into one share of the Issuer's common stock and the vesting of such performance units were contingent upon the Issuer
- (1) meeting certain performance objectives for the Issuer's earnings per share and the performance of its four revenue sources over the Period. On January 11, 2006, the reporting person was granted such performance units with the targeted amount being 5,000 units. The Issuer exceeded its targets for the Period by 25% and awarded the reporting person 6,250 shares of its common stock, representing 125% of the targeted amount.

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