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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MONAGHAN CRAIG T			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) RY AUTOMOT NC., 2905 PREM Y NW, SUITE 3	IIERE		of Earliest Transaction Day/Year) 2016				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President & CEO			
Filed(Mo				If Amendment, Date Original led(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
DULUTH, GA 30097								Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/04/2016			M	10,234 (1)	A	\$ 0	166,002	D		
Common Stock	03/04/2016			F	4,908 (2)	D	\$ 60.37	161,094	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Sh
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/04/2016		A	30,704		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	30,7
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/04/2016		M		10,234	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	10,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MONAGHAN CRAIG T						
C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.	v		Dungidant & CEO			
2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300	X		President & CEO			
DULUTH, GA 30097						

Signatures

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney
In-Fact
03/07/2016

**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) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015.
- Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2016. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting.

 One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2015 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2016, an additional one-third vests on February 5, 2017 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2018.

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