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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Karolis Geo	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
				e of Earliest Transaction n/Day/Year) /2018				Director 10% Owner Selfctor (give title Other (specify below) below)  SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate			
DULUTH,	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  DULUTH, GA 30097					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)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							ly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ear) (Instr. 8)  (A) or		d 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	03/12/2018			M	874 (1)		\$0	8,667	D		
Common Stock	03/12/2018			F	266 (2)	D	\$ 68.75	8,401	D		
Common Stock	03/13/2018			S	3,150 (3)	D	\$ 69.54	5,251	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative 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
Performance Share Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/12/2018		A	2,622		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,622
Performance Share Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/12/2018		M		874	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	874

## **Reporting Owners**

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

Karolis George C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097

SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate

#### **Signatures**

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney
In-Fact
03/14/2018

\*\*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 8, 2017. 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, and the conversion of such units into shares of the Issuer's common stock, granted on February 8, 2017.
- Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 3,150 shares of Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of (3) \$69.53 to \$69.58 by the reporting person. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or security holder, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 12, 2018. 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 8, 2017 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 12, 2018, an additional one-third vests on February 8, 2019 and the remaining one-third vests on February 8, 2020.

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