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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

02/05/2019

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Villasana George A Issuer Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [ABG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE 02/05/2019 SVP, GC & Secretary GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **DULUTH, GA 30097** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 2,698 02/05/2019 \$0 D M 11,877 (1) Stock Common 1,141 02/05/2019 A \$0 13,018 D M (2) Stock Common 813 (3) D F D 02/05/2019 12,205 Stock Common F 344 (3) D 02/05/2019 11,861 D Stock

F

688 (4) D

11,173

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Common \$
Stock 72.46

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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 or 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
Performance Share Units	<u>(5)</u>	02/05/2019		A		2,698	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	2,698
Performance Share Units	<u>(6)</u>	02/05/2019		A		1,141	<u>(6)</u>	(6)	Common Stock	1,141

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

SVP, GC & Secretary

Signatures

/s/George A. Villasana 02/07/2019

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

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, 2016. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2016. This transaction represents the vesting of 14.8% of this award.
- (3) 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 5, 2016.
- (4) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 5, 2016.
- Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 6, 2017. 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, 2016 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 6, 2017, an additional one-third vested on February 5, 2018 and the remaining one-third vested on February 5, 2019.
 - Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on January 24, 2017. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting.
- (6) The performance share units granted on February 5, 2016 vest on each anniversary of the grant date over a five year period as follows: 14.8% vested on February 5, 2017; 14.8% vested on February 5, 2018; 14.8% vested on February 5, 2019; 27.8% vests on February 5, 2020; and 27.8% vests on February 5, 2021.

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